Skippers: Bell Tower team members fom left, David Neale, Rod Plinston, Mary Neale, Jonathan Dart and Steve Bale

Summer skip clear-out a success

A GIANT skip was filled to the brim with unwanted furniture and rubbish when neighbours had a summer clear-out on Saturday.

The Bell Tower Community Association invited neighbours to bring their unwanted bulky items to EP Collier Primary School where they had hired a massive skip for the annual Big Skip event sponsored by Festival Republic.

By the end of the day, the skip was full with items including three toilets and two baths, sofas, mattresses and other furniture items which were carefully stacked by skip marshals Rod Plinston and Jonathan Dart to maximise the amount of space available. But items such as computer tables and a climbing frame for cats were found new homes.

The group also held a bike workshop manned by Steve Bale where neighbours could have their repairs done and tyres pumped up.

Staff from Crowne Plaza were on hand to provide a range of free refreshments

Workshop: Steve Bale gets to grips with a flat tyre

including teas, coffees and biscuits.

Bell Tower chairman David Neale said: "Yet again the Big Skip was one of our most popular and successful events, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thanks all our helpers as well as Festival Republic and the Crowne Plaza."