

Tools for Self Reliance

South Shropshire

**Refurbishing tools for Africa
for 23 years**

We make up a variety of different
tool kits, including:

Carpentry

Engineering

Auto- Mechanics

Blacksmithing

Cycle repair

Shoe repair

Electrical

Plumbing

&

Haberdashery

We need you!

We couldn't continue our
work in Africa without
your support and we rely
on your kind donations.

Thank you

If you have any items to
donate please contact

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practical help for
practical people



Tools for Self Reliance sends **Kits of tools, haberdashery and sewing machines** to six African countries and provides training to use them.

Here in South Shropshire the local group of TFSR depends on donated tools. These we repair and refurbish to a high standard and forward them to HQ in Southampton for distribution to selected projects.

Interested in donating
tools?

Please check inside

The tools we need for Africa

- **Plumbing** tools of all kinds.
- **Carpentry** tools - especially large and medium carpenters vices, metric tape measures and try-planes.
- **Building** tools - especially large metric tape measures and corner trowels.
- **Engineering and metalworking** tools – especially HSS twist drills, metric taps & dies, engineers' squares and hand-operated bench grinders.
- **Bicycle repair** tools – especially spoke spanners.
- **Shoe repair** tools – especially skiving knives.
- **Auto-mechanics** tools – especially heavy-duty foot-pumps, tyre pressure gauges and spark plug wrenches.
- **Electrical repair** tools – especially multi-meters, de-soldering equipment and wire strippers.
- **Blacksmiths** tools – especially anvils.
- **Power tools** of industrial / professional quality – especially drills and bench grinders, angle grinders, arc welders (240V, stick type) plus accessories.
- **G cramps and Sash** cramps (small, medium and large).

A note on the condition of donated tools.

If metal tools are badly pitted with rust, or wooden handles have woodworm, it is unlikely they will give the years of use, which the recipients need from them. If you are in any doubt about tool condition, please contact us.

We also support women's tailoring groups by sending

Electric sewing machines (capable of zigzag and embroidery stitching, and in good condition) **Singer hand sewing machines** (round bobbin) and **Overlocking machines.**

Plus these haberdashery items:

Knitting needles, crochet hooks & light wool.

Needle threaders, tape measures, sewing needles & cottons. Thread pickers & thimbles.

Press studs, hooks & eyes, buttons, buckles & zips, elastic, velcro, petersham.

Tailor's chalk, embroidery silk, stiffener. Bias binding, lace & trimmings.

Sewing & knitting patterns.
Dressmaking pins & safety pins.
Fabrics: dressmaking, curtain & upholstery

With these basic materials, plus training, women are helped to set up small tailoring groups. The income helps to improve living standards, provide for childrens' education, and promotes independence.