



What's BREWing for Business Recycling In Your Area?

Following the Waste Survey, many of the District and Borough Councils of West Sussex are now collecting and recycling mixed paper and cardboard from businesses. The remaining District and Borough Councils aim to be providing services later this year.

Background to the BREW project



In Spring 2007, the West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership (WSSBP) took the initiative along with West Sussex County Council, the District and Boroughs of West Sussex and Viridor Waste Management to help more businesses in West Sussex have access to recycling collections.

The Business Resource Efficiency and Waste Centre (BREW) awarded this project £208,000 to establish a Countywide business waste recycling service. In order to ensure that the money was spent on a service that would be relevant to businesses in West Sussex the WSSBP led a Business Waste Survey seeking the views of nearly 9,000 local businesses.

The results of the survey were clear; the predominant materials in business waste were paper and cardboard, businesses wanted to recycle, believed that collection services are not readily available and wanted assistance from their District or Borough Council.

So, with this in mind the BREW project set three main objectives:

- Offer recycling services to all businesses, regardless of their size or location.
- Increase recycling levels within West Sussex; and
- Reduce greenhouse gas production (by sending less material to landfill).

BREW awarded this project 'Trailblazer' status in recognition of the projects innovative ideas.

What was all the money spent on?

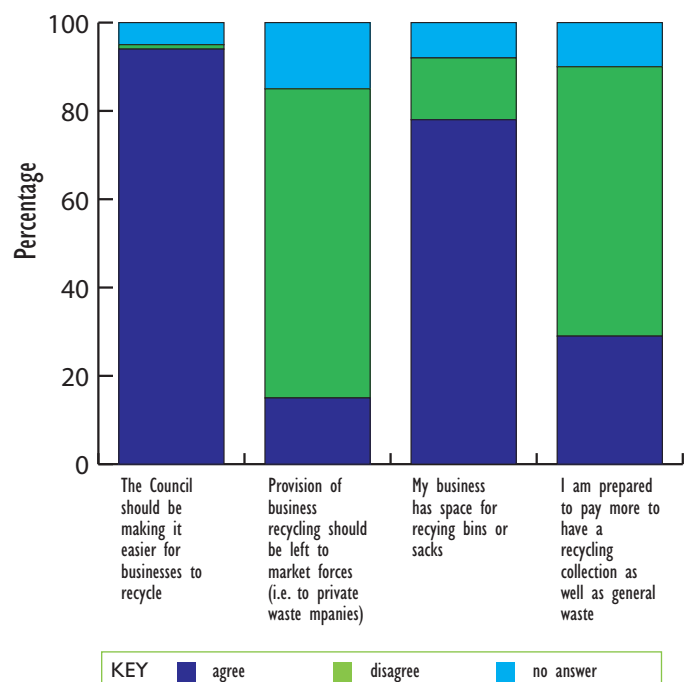
The initial BREW funding was used to undertake the survey, to improve storage sites for paper and cardboard prior to recycling and to buy lots and lots of bins! This enabled the service to be competitively priced and, in many areas, allow the cost of a bin for recyclable materials to be lower than one for general waste - providing a real incentive for businesses to recycle.

How does recycling help my business?

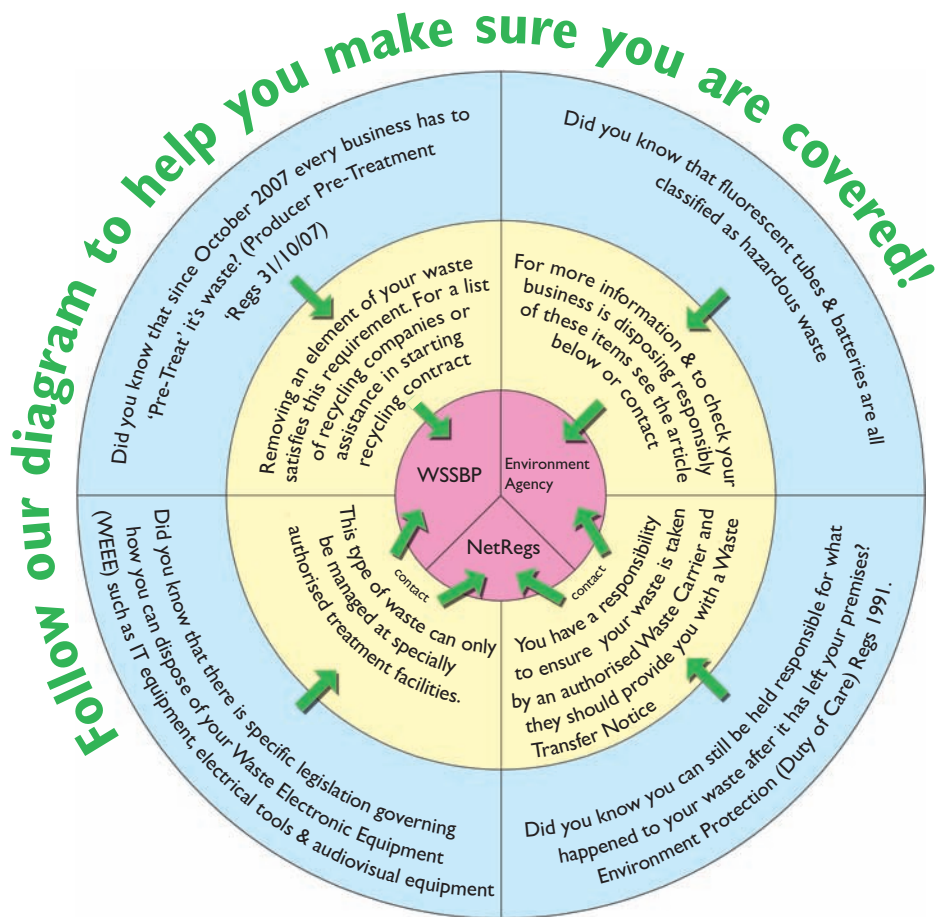
As well as saving you money and improving your public profile and environmental status, businesses using these services are able to meet new Producer Pre-Treatment Regulations which came into force on 30th October 2007. The Regulations mean your business must 'pre-treat' your waste before it goes to landfill. In most cases this is as simple as recycling some of the materials previously thrown away, such as paper and card.

Where can you find more help and information?

If you would like to sign up to the scheme, find out more information about it, or receive a copy of a list of recyclers in your area, contact the WSSBP on (01243) 756869.



ARE YOU BAMBOOZLED BY WASTE LEGISLATION? SURE YOUR BUSINESS COMPLIES WITH ALL THE CURRENT LEGISLATION?



Contact Details

WSSBP: 01243 756869

Environment Agency: 08708 506 506

Netregs:

www.westsussexsbp.org.uk

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Do you know your Hazardous Waste from your WEEE? Find the answers below . . .

Question: What do the following waste materials have in common?

Chemicals, some paints, used engine oil, gas bottles, some batteries (e.g. lead acid) electrical items including computer and TV monitors, fluorescent tubes and fridges and freezers

Answer: They are all considered to be hazardous wastes.

All these items contain hazardous elements that, if not disposed of correctly, may cause harm to human health or the environment. Hazardous materials require specialist disposal and treatment when they become wastes so should not be put into normal bins.

Many other items may also be classed as hazardous when they become waste. To find out if any of the waste your business produces is hazardous please visit:

www.publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/GEHO0603BIRB-e-e.pdf or call the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506.

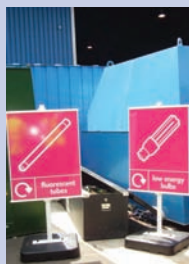
Question: What should I do if my business is producing hazardous wastes?

Answer:

- Check to see whether you should be registered with the Environment Agency as a producer of hazardous waste.
- Ensure correct disposal of the wastes to an authorised waste management company.
- Ensure you keep a record of the waste removed from your premises (consignment note) for at least two years.

For further information please visit:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/waste and click on 'Dealing with Hazardous Waste'.



What other help is available?

The National Household Hazardous Waste Forum and Chartered Institute of Waste Management has produced a revised national guidance document which includes practical advice for businesses producing household hazardous type wastes. The new guide can be accessed free of charge at the Forum's website

www.nhhwf.org.uk

Partnership helps 200 businesses to become Greener

The WSSBP has published its Annual Report so read on to find out how we have helped businesses this year.

For the last financial year, the WSSBP worked with over 200 businesses, ran 7 events, diverted 1558 tonnes from landfill and also saved a whopping 497 tonnes of CO₂. So, a very busy year! As well as all of this we have handled 73 helpline queries, carried out more than 30 Energy Audits and 20 Environmental Reviews.

The table below highlights the savings we have helped businesses to make (achieved) and also those that are in the pipeline (potential).

Table 2. Identified actions and associated savings 2007/2008

	Potential	Achieved	Potential & achieve	Unit
No. of savings to be made	693	221	914	
Total annual cost savings	£753,551	£169,292	£912,843	
Waste diverted from landfill	1,604	1,158	2,762	Tonnes
CO ₂ saving	2839	497	3,336	Tonnes
Water saving	29,807	2,727	32,534	M ³



Chichester District Green Business Award Winners



Overall winners Morgan Contract Furniture (pictured) scooped the top prize of £4000 and a staff team day at Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Held at the University of Chichester on a mid-summer's evening in June, the highly contested Green Business of the Year award went to Morgan Furniture of Southbourne. They made a wide range of environmental improvements, from excellent waste management to energy efficient modifications in factory lighting and equipment. All space heating is provided by a number of biomass boilers, fuelled by their off-cuts.

Rodney McMahon, Managing Director of Morgan Furniture, said, "We are very proud to be given such a prestigious award in recognition of our sustainability efforts on the productivity and financial gains that have lead indirectly, but most effectively, to environmental benefits."

The runners up, Farmhouse Cookery of Bosham, received a cheque for £1000. Tuppenny Barn of Southbourne, were highly commended in this category.

In the Green Project category Teknoflex Ltd. of Quarry Lane, Chichester, took the 1st place £2000 cash prize and a Smart Meter supplied by the WSSBP and Alpha Independent Mortgages, Chichester, received highly commended

The next awards won't be until 2010, so that gives Chichester District businesses plenty of time to implement new environmental projects and put their business forward for the next Chichester District Green Business Award!

Think Before You Throw

West Sussex County Council, one of our partners, is taking a forward thinking approach to waste management. To do this, WSCC is currently reviewing competitive tenders that will provide the long-term infrastructure to allow the county as a whole to reduce landfill by becoming a waste prevention and recycling leader, and to use the remaining waste as a resource. This will form what is known as the Materials Resource Management Contract, and will provide a way of dealing with our non-recyclable wastes.

The bids are being assessed against a number of factors including compliance with strategy, deliverability and proposals for communication and community engagement. The successful bid is expected to be announced in early 2009.

LOCAL EVENTS AND CALENDAR

Key Events for 2008

WSSBP Simple Utility Management Seminar (SUMS)	When	3rd September and 17th September
	Where	Chichester
	What	A free course consisting of 2 half days with experts in water, waste, energy & legislation to help your business save money
	Cost	FREE
	Action	Contact WSSBP on 01243 777348 or sbp@westsussex.gov.uk
Waste Management Workshop	When	23rd September 2008
	Where	Mid Sussex
	What	A free half day seminar to highlight simple changes that can be made to save your business mon
	Cost	FREE
	Action	Contact WSSBP on 01243 777348 or sbp@westsussex.gov.uk
BREW Project & WSSBP 10 Year Anniversary	When	22nd October 2008
	Where	Gatwick Hilton
	What	To launch the Business Waste Recycling Project and to celebrate 10years of helping businesses in West Sussex
	Cost	FREE
	Action	Contact WSSBP on 01243 777348 or sbp@westsussex.gov.uk

Business Park Waste Management Workshops

The WSSBP, in partnership with Envirowise held two Waste Management Workshops in March. The workshops, which were held at Lancing Business Park and Manor Royal Business Park, proved extremely successful and received very positive feedback from the delegates.

Speakers from the Environment Agency, Envirowise and the WSSBP covered topics such as recycling, waste minimisation, legislation and ways for businesses to save money. The events were hosted by Eschmann Equipment in Lancing and TUI Travel in Manor Royal who both provided wonderful venues and tasty lunches for all the delegates. Presentations and photos can be found on our website www.westsussexsbp.org.uk.



Would you like to save your business money?

Are you interested making sure you are following current legislation and reducing your waste?



Then why not register your interest to attend the next Waste Management Workshop in September! Phone Georgina Emery on **01243 777348** or email sbp@westsussex.gov.uk

If you need an incentive to sign up just listen to what three of the delegates said:

- "Very useful and helpful information well delivered, presented by real people, far better than gathering information and ideas from a website" Maurice Lee, Downlands Packaging
- "A very interesting morning, with practical advice on dealing with challenging issues" - Michael Potts, Flightstore
- "Environmental issues concern us all so the opportunity to learn more about this is invaluable" Anon.

