



MERSEYSIDE RECYCLING & WASTE AUTHORITY

Summer 2017

Seasonal Review

Community groups funded to the tune of £115,000

Twelve local community groups have received a funding boost from MRWA and Veolia.

The financial support will see the groups help reduce household waste, encourage recycling and resource re-use, prevent carbon emissions and ultimately help make the region a cleaner and greener place.

The £115,000 is coming from the MRWA and Veolia Community Fund 2017/18, which has been running annually since 2006.

- Some of the projects funded include:
- creating a sensory learning garden from re-used materials in St Helens
 - the development of a shop in Wirral to sell used clothes
 - the repair and re-use of unused furniture for redistribution to the local community in Halton
 - cookery skills clubs to help reduce food waste across Merseyside and Halton
 - bicycle repair and re-use in Knowsley
 - timber waste re-use at a local community farm in Liverpool
 - improving online retail skills for a charity shop in Sefton.



Home Farm at Croxteth Park - part of the 2017/18 Community Fund

Successful applicants have been awarded up to £25,000 for schemes which operate across Merseyside and Halton, and up to £8,000 for projects which work solely at local authority level.

One funding recipient is Neighbourhood Services Company Ltd whose Home Farm at Croxteth Park (pictured above) has received £18,408.

NSC Manager Lisa Jennions said: "The ongoing support from MRWA is invaluable in enabling us to deliver recycling and reuse activities at Home Farm. It's great to see new life breathed into what was previously 'waste' wood."



The Craft Shop at Home Farm

Resourcing Merseyside's Future

Region's waste now being turned to energy

Following a successful commissioning phase the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Wilton (pictured below) has started to receive Merseyside's household waste.

The EfW has satisfactorily completed all its relevant tests and is now operating under the control of the contractor, Suez.

After some delays in the commissioning stage the facility is fully operational and will convert the region's household waste into electricity for the National Grid and heat for nearby industries.

A small number of technical issues at the Rail Transfer Loading Station in Kirkby are still to be ironed out with some functions to be optimised to the levels of the contract. Despite this the majority of Merseyside and Halton's residual waste is being handled through the Station and transferred to Wilton via railway. A small amount of waste is being collected directly from Gillmoss and Huyton Waste Transfer Stations and transferred to Wilton by road.

The EfW has the capacity to deal with greater amounts of waste than it receives from Merseyside and Halton, and in the future will be able to use any spare capacity for commercial and third party waste.



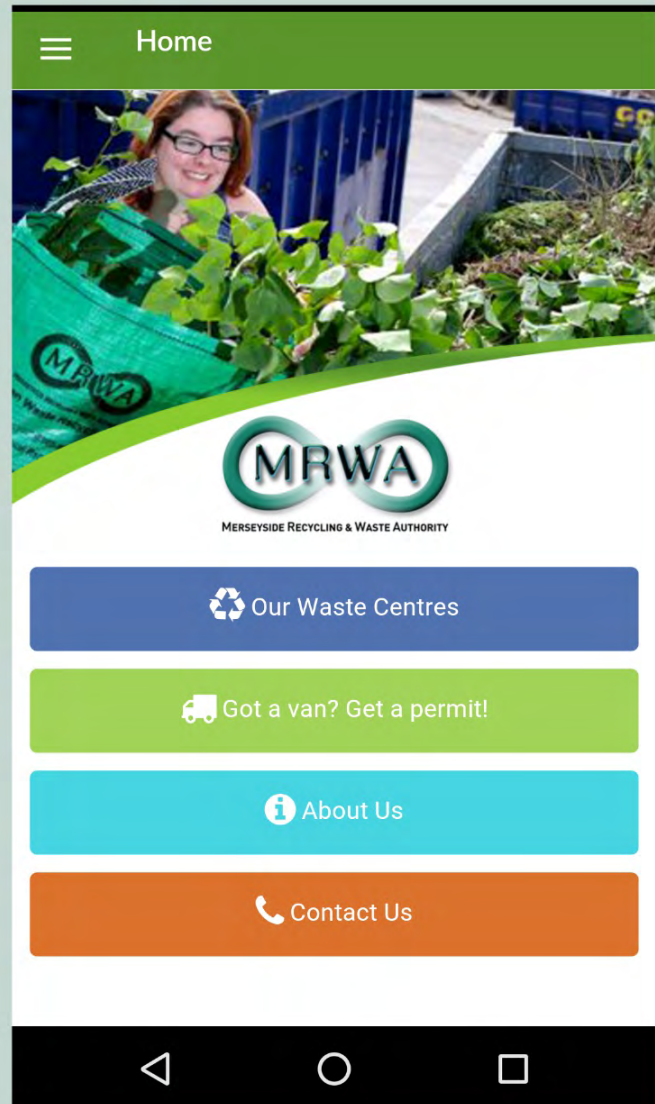
Recycling just got easier with the launch of a new recycling app

MRWA getting App happy

If Merseyside residents are looking to recycle or dispose of household waste then our recycling app will help them to find their nearest Recycling Centre. It features:

- details for all 14 Recycling Centres on Merseyside
- opening times
- materials accepted
- addresses with links to maps/directions
- a link to the mobile Permit application website

The app is currently available for Android (through the Google Play Store) and Apple (through the App Store). Just search 'Merseyside recycling' on the stores.



Visit our website to find out more:
www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/waste-recycling/app/

Echoing the achievements of the region

Authority sponsors local environment and business awards

Recently we have been helping to reward the best and brightest of Merseyside's environment sector by sponsoring three major awards.

First up was the Liverpool Echo Environment Awards (27th April), which recognises those environmental businesses, schools, community projects and individuals who are making a difference in Merseyside and beyond. Total Reuse were confirmed as the winners of the MRWA and Veolia-sponsored Re-use and Waste Prevention Award, which looked for "those companies and organisations who embrace waste prevention. By avoiding or reducing the creation of waste, and being innovative in their re-use of materials and repair of items, they are demonstrating efficient use of natural resources in all of their processes".



MRWA Chief Executive Carl Beer (centre) at the Liverpool Echo Regional Business Awards

Next was the Liverpool Echo Regional Business Awards (22nd June - pictured left), which is the biggest and longest standing business awards in the Merseyside region which aims to recognise and reward successful businesses across all sectors. Taking place in Liverpool's St George's Hall, Authority Chief Executive Carl Beer presented Cooper Noble Care Ltd with the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority Newcomer of the Year Award.

Finally, the Liverpool Echo Schools Awards (27th June) looked to celebrate Merseyside's most inspiring schools, staff, projects and pupils at a glittering ceremony at Liverpool John Moores University's John Lennon Building. Councillor Tony Concepcion, Deputy Chair of MRWA, presented Bidston Avenue Primary School with the Primary School of the Year Award.



Recycling Centres open longer for summer

The region's Household Waste Recycling Centres are currently on their longer summer opening hours.

The 14 Recycling Centres, which are operated by Veolia, are available to use for all Merseyside householders. They accept all sorts of household materials for recycling, from batteries, cans and cardboard, through to garden clippings, glass bottles, furniture, soil, timber, electrical items and white goods, plus much more.

A Van Permit scheme is in operation at all the sites meaning if you are planning to use a van or large trailer then you will need a Permit. Permits are free of charge.

Further details about Merseyside's Household Waste Recycling Centres and the Permit Scheme can be found at: www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/waste-recycling/household-waste-recycling-centres-hwracs/.



Data Management

A review of roles and responsibilities at the Authority means we have been able to take advantage of staff vacancies to re-direct and create some specialist roles.

We have recognised data as critical to the management of our activities moving forward and as such have created a new Data Management team from existing posts. The focus of the team will initially be centred around ensuring that information flows that are influenced by and which influence the major waste contracts are documented and understood so that they can be used effectively.

Thereafter the team will support the Authority's wider activities, from the Performance Framework, to the management of closed landfill sites.

Monitoring our environment

The Authority's effectiveness in meeting environmental requirements has received an endorsement from auditors.

Our Environmental Monitoring System (EMS) is designed to provide assurance about the quality and standard of the Authority's arrangements by meeting an accredited standard (in this case, ISO14001).

The effectiveness of the Authority's arrangements in meeting the standard is looked at regularly by an externally appointed auditor. A recent review of the system found that the EMS meets the requirements of the ISO Standard with no issues identified during the audit.

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

We've recently published our brand new Annual Report for 2016/17 and you can take a look through it here:

<http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/about-us/publications/>

The Annual Report was published in May – it is shorter and designed to have more immediate impact on stakeholders and interested parties

The draft statement of accounts can be seen here:

<http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/finance-transparency/statement-of-accounts/>

The Accounts were also published in May, well ahead of deadline for this year – in preparation for the tighter statutory timetables for next year.

Courtauld agreement

Authority agrees to major plan to help cut food and drink waste

MRWA has signed up to Courtauld 2025 – an ambitious voluntary agreement that brings together a host of organisations from right across the food system.

From producer to consumer, the aim is to make food and drink production and consumption more sustainable.

At its heart is a ten-year commitment to identify priorities, develop solutions and implement changes at scale – both within signatory organisations and by spreading new best practice across the UK.

By targeting hotspots of resource use, we can all cut the waste and greenhouse gas emissions associated with food and drink by at least one-fifth per person in ten years and improve water stewardship, with cumulative savings of around £20 billion.

By working collectively we will:

- Provide lower impact products
- Provide them more efficiently
- Help people get more value from the food and drink they buy
- Make best use of remaining waste and surplus food

The shared ambition is to cut the resource needed to provide food & drink by one-fifth in ten years, increasing value for everyone.

The targeted overall outcomes from 2015 to 2025, calculated as a relative reduction per head of population, are:

- 20% reduction in food & drink waste arising in the UK
- 20% reduction in the GHG intensity of food & drink consumed in the UK
- A reduction in impact associated with water use in the supply chain

For more information visit
<http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/courtauld-commitment-2025>



Our Assistant Director for Operations recently climbed England's highest mountain to help raise money for charity.

Ian Stephenson took part in the annual WasteAid International Walk For Waste on Saturday 15th July to raise awareness and funds for the organisation which shares waste management and recycling skills with communities around the world.

The four and a half hour walk took place at the 978m high Scafell Pike in the Lake District National Park and with Ian's leadership MRWA raised £264.

Ian (pictured above centre behind the banner) said: "Four and a half hours wasn't all bad given the conditions and my office based fitness!"

"There will be people and communities around the world whose lives will greatly improve as a direct result of WasteAid's work."

For more information about WasteAid International see: <https://wasteaid.org>.

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