



News in Brief (20/07/2016)

With news on: Simply Waste raises £27,000 for charity; Powerday retains PAS accreditation; WRAP review highlights achievements; Teesside man fined £1,300; and UK students urged to recycle.

Simply Waste raises £27,000 for charity

Simply Waste Solutions celebrated its 10th birthday by raising £27,000 for the Shooting Star Chase children's hospice charity.

The charity cares for children and young people across London and Surrey who are suffering with life-limiting conditions, as well as supporting their families.

Money was raised at a black tie charity ball held at the Tower of London on 1 July. According to the company 400 of its customers, suppliers and employees attended the event.

Support

James Capel, Simply Waste's managing director, said: "Our company couldn't have possibly achieved the success it has without the support of our people, suppliers and customers. This party not only celebrates our success so far but, in so doing, has allowed us to raise money for Shooting Star Chase, which offers much needed care and support for very sick children and their families."



Sylvia La Porte speaking at Simply Waste Solutions' charity ball which raised £27,000 for the charity Shooting Star Chase

Sylvia La Porte, corporate relationship manager at Shooting Star Chase, commented: "We are delighted to have been selected as charity partner by Simply Waste Solutions. The 10 year anniversary celebration at the Tower Of London was wonderful event to launch the partnership and gave us the opportunity to raise awareness of the vital services we provide."

Powerday retains PAS 402 accreditation

A London waste management company has retained its recycling reporting accreditation standard PAS 402.

Powerday became the first company to be awarded the standard and certification in England in 2015.

The PAS 402 standard is aimed at helping construction companies to increase recycling and reuse performance and reduce waste costs through increased visibility and understanding of what is happening to their waste.

The standard and the corresponding Green Compass Scheme certification were developed by Constructing Excellence in Wales (CEW) which claimed that efforts to minimise waste across the country were being held back by the lack of accurate and reliable reporting data.

Powerday has retained its recycling reporting accreditation standard PAS 402.

Powerday operates a large-scale materials recycling from its nine acre Old Oak Sidings site in North West London as well as a newly developed facility in Enfield.

The PAS 402 reaccreditation process involved submission of extensive data and an external audit of Powerday's reporting processes by independent UKAS accredited Green Compass auditors.

Mick Crossan, chairman of Powerday, said: "We are delighted to be reaccredited to PAS 402 after a robust and extensive audit process. We were proud to be England's first PAS 402 accredited company and we continue to set benchmark for waste recycling reporting for our clients."



WRAP highlights achievements in annual report

WRAP has presented its annual report and highlighted achievements made in tackling food waste, improving resource management, textiles and WEEE.

Highlights for the 2015/16 period include progress made through WRAP's voluntary Hospitality and Food Service Agreement which has seen the recycling rate of food and waste packaging waste rise to 57%, the organisation claims.

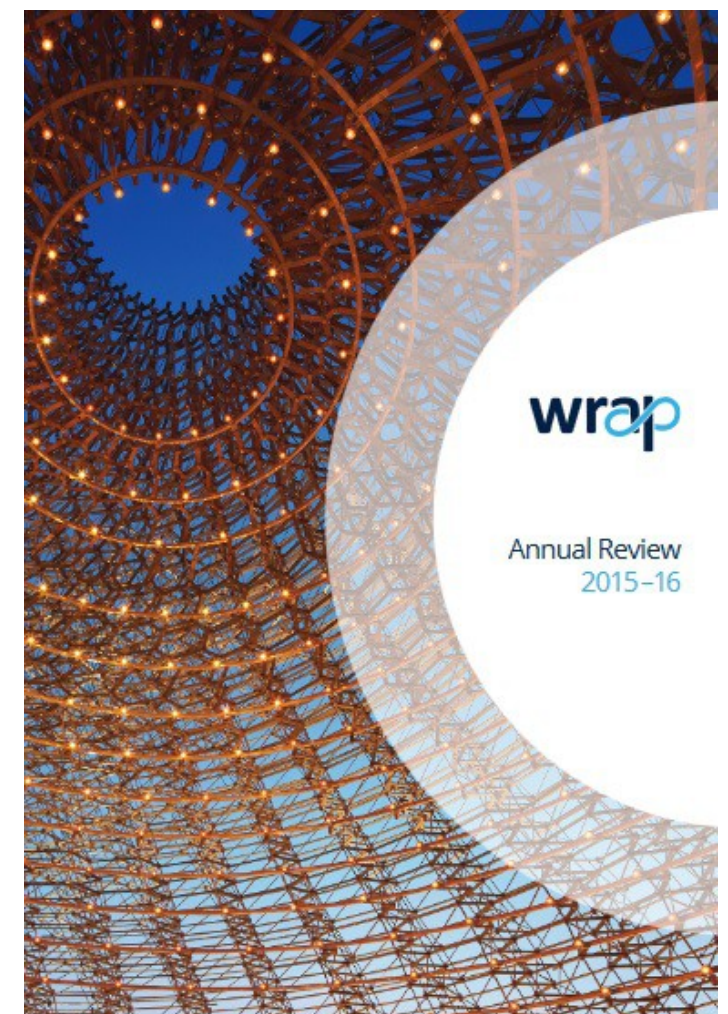
WRAP also notes that the amount of surplus edible food redistributed to charities has continued to rise.

Elsewhere, the number of companies signed up to WRAP's Electrical and Electronic Sustainability Action Plan has increased to 81.

WRAP also reports that Argos worked together with the organisation on the creation of a trade-in service to enable its customers to recycle unwanted electronics.

The body also convened an advisory group comprising local authorities, waste management contractors, recyclers, producers and retailers to explore options, assess the costs and benefits and to develop recommendations.

Finally, the organisation's 'Job Creation in the Circular Economy' report is also highlighted. Within the report WRAP estimated thousands of new jobs could be created by 2030 by increasing resource efficiency.



WRAP's annual review report

Teesside man fined £1,300 for waste offences

A man has been fined £1,300 after failing to comply with an Environment Agency (EA) notice to remove waste from land in Teesside.

Daniel Walsh, 30, of Derwent Street in Stockton appeared at Teesside Magistrates Court on Tuesday (12 July) for sentence.

He pleaded guilty to one charge of failing to comply with a notice requiring him to remove waste from land at Hope Street, Haverton Hill in Billingham, and a charge of burning waste on land. Mr Walsh was also ordered to pay costs of £1,000.

Environment Agency officers attended the site and noted 250 tonnes of waste, mainly soil, construction and demolition material. In April 2015 a notice was sent to Mr Walsh requiring him to clear the site by July 30.

On July 31 EA officers attended land nearby and saw smoke coming from the compound. They attended on August 4, but found no reduction in the waste pile.



Waste at the Hope Street compound

Mr Walsh in an EA interview produced waste transfer notes to prove some of the waste had been cleared, but he said “financial difficulties” were making it hard.

Students urged to recycle unwanted goods

Students in universities across the UK are being called on to recycle their unwanted goods, by Campus Living Villages and the Salvation Army.

The accommodation provider and charity will arrange collections of any unwanted clothes, shoes, pots and pans under a joint scheme launched by the two organisations.

Campus Living Villages will be organising the donations across 17 of its university sites.

The Salvation Army is issuing a textile donation bank to each site, providing a permanent facility for students to donate items.

Collections will also be provided for donated kitchen utensils and electrical goods, which will be sold in Salvation Army charity shops.

Catherine Inglis, sales manager for the Salvation Army, said: “This is a fantastic partnership for us. Students often have multiple toasters, kettles, microwaves and utensils in their halls of residences – many of which are never used. In many cases these items will get thrown away when students move out of halls.”



Campus Living Villages set up the scheme alongside the Salvation Army

