

SHORT NOTES

- A team from UK Container Maintenance has triumphed at the annual Masters of Waste Scotland golf tournament, securing the much-coveted first place trophy.
- A new fleet of specialist Fleet Services Ltd waste and recycling vehicles has been delivered to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and is already carrying out collections as part of a seamless changeover from the old fleet.
- Greenline Environmental, the London-based 24/7 waste collection and disposal specialists, has invested in a new 26t refuse vehicle, supplied by Refuse Vehicle Solutions Ltd, equipped with bin-weighing to launch its Pay-By-Weight trade refuse service.
- WRAP saw its overall income fall in the last financial year (£20.6m compared to £27.14m the previous year), but the charity continues to operate within budget despite government cuts.
- An initiative in Leeds which will pilot recycling facilities for plastic, cans and paper cups across the city centre was launched in mid-October. The aim is to increase 'on-the-go' recycling by trialling a range of different technologies and methods to get people to recycle their items correctly.
- The Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority (MRWA) has launched a campaign with Veolia to prevent cardboard from ending up in landfill.

Big Investment 'Recycling into the Future'

Viridor has confirmed a £3.7 million investment at its Crayford MRF near Dartford to enhance paper purity and install fire protection systems at the facility, which receives 300,000 tonnes per year of commingled recyclate from 28 local authorities.

Reduced Cost

The Kent Resource Partnership's (KRP) annual report indicates that the cost of waste managed across 13 councils in Kent fell by £3 million in 2017/18, compared to the previous year.

Praise Indeed

HDM Engineering Services Ltd have recently fitted a conveyor unit to feed the plastics shredder at Vanden Recycling in Peterborough. HDM have also made new panel systems for existing equipment to make the plant run more efficiently. The company's 'can do' approach to customers has impressed clients. Michael Connors of Vanden Recycling says, "I would like to express how pleased we are with the work HDM staff carried out. They are a credit to the company – the way they work with the customer and listen to their needs is the best I have worked with."

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After the successful launch of Global Recycling Day in 2018, the Global Recycling Foundation has confirmed the theme for 2019 as 'Recycling into the Future'. Global Recycling Day will focus on the power of youth, education and innovation in ensuring a brighter future for the planet. It will take place on 18th March 2019, when people around the world will be invited to show their support for recycling.

Global Recycling Day was created to celebrate the importance that recycling plays in preserving primary resources (water, air, coal, oil, natural gas and minerals). Aiming to bring people together and champion ways to put our planet first, Global Recycling Day highlights the need to consider recyclable materials as resource rather than waste, celebrating the power of the "Seventh Resource" – the goods we recycle every day.

By focusing on youth and innovation, the Global Recycling Foundation will encourage the world to look towards the impact that today's young people and future technologies can have on recycling.

As in 2018, www.globalrecyclingday.com will continue to act as the key portal for all activities relating to the day – a home to showcase sponsors, highlight case histories and stories, bring campaigns to life and share materials. Global Recycling Day's current social channels Facebook (@globalrecyclingday) and Twitter

(@gblrecyclingday) will be joined by Instagram (@globalrecyclingday) and three key hashtags will be in use: #globalrecyclingday #GRDfuture and #GRDinnovation

Foundation Friends

The Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) has launched the Global Recycling Foundation and has invited members to become the first cohort of Foundation 'Friends' when they donate.

The Foundation, formed by BIR but run as an independent organisation, will promote and support the global recycling industry in its mission to showcase the crucial role of recycling in preserving our planet's future. This is a direct result of the success of Global Recycling Day 2018 and Global Recycling Day 2019 will be the biggest activity supported by the Foundation.

Current BIR President and the Foundation's founding President, Mr Baxi, says, "The role of the Foundation is to show the world that Recycling is a collective endeavour, crucial for the future of the planet. No-one can act in isolation and it is imperative we engage the widest population possible, from BIR members to world leaders, businesses to individuals – no matter where they are located. The establishment of the Global Recycling Foundation will underpin this mission and ensure a global approach, supporting joint initiatives and achieving goals to foster better recycling practices into the future."

The Foundation will use funds from donors and partners across the globe to foster promotional and educational campaigns which highlight the vital role of recycling in creating a sustainable future. Donations may be eligible for tax benefits and donors will be able to build their involvement into their Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes. www.globalrecyclingfoundation.org