

Promoting Sustainable Waste Management

We have committed almost £27 million to 356 major projects designed to reduce and minimise waste and to promote recycling in the UK.

These have included kerbside and other recycling initiatives, composting research and public educational projects. Many have had a significant impact on people's behaviours and, thus, on the amount of waste being diverted from landfill sites.

LONDON REMADE – CLOSING THE LOOP

The food and beverage industry accounts for a significant amount of waste which usually goes straight into landfill sites.

A £500,000 grant enabled London Remade to provide demonstrable case studies of how packaging made from recycled materials can again be recycled into new packaging, hence 'closing the loop'. The methods have proved particularly applicable to large-scale shows and events where huge amounts of waste are produced.

THRIFT FARM COUNTRY CRAFTS

Thrift Farm in Buckinghamshire, run by the County Council's Social Services Department, is a vibrant and innovative recycling centre, open to the public.

Our grant of £78,500 has funded the conversion of an agricultural building into a craft barn and workshop which provides opportunities for adults with learning difficulties to gain woodcraft skills. Waste wood is transformed into items such as bird and bat boxes, bird tables and wheelbarrows. These are sold at the on-site shop, generating funds to help sustain the project.

BIOREGIONAL – Z-SQUARED

Our £108,000 grant enabled BioRegional to develop its groundbreaking design known as Z-squared, which is a large-scale zero-carbon, zero-waste community concept for 2,000 new homes and offices.

The research demonstrated that it costs just 8% more to build to a Z-squared design than for a standard housing development, but this is more than offset by the cheaper living costs.

BEDFORDSHIRE RECYCLING TRAILER

Educating people about the importance of recycling and waste minimisation has been a key part of GrantScape's funding.

Through Bedfordshire County Council, our £15,000 grant was used to purchase a compactable recycling trailer. This is equipped with interactive tools and educational information on everything people need to know about recycling. The trailer now provides an ideal means of reaching and educating community and school groups, and is often seen around the county at shows and events.



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