



Recofloor Newsletter

Vinyl Take-Back Scheme

Issue 1

Founder Members:



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HELLO!

Welcome to the first issue of the Recofloor newsletter. The Recofloor vinyl flooring recycling take-back scheme launched nationwide at the beginning of September, attracting quite a bit of attention and gaining a great deal of press coverage. The Recofloor team have been taking enquiries about the scheme all month and have been very impressed with the level of interest it has attracted. The team would like to launch the newsletter as there is plenty to shout about!

In this issue read the story of how leading flooring manufacturers Altro and Polyflor, have joined forces, working together and providing funding to ensure the scheme's success. On the second page, find a full list of drop-off points for the scheme.

Look out for future issues of the Recofloor newsletter, now due to be published on a regular basis.

ALTRO & POLYFLOR – WORKING TOGETHER TO GET THE SCHEME OFF THE GROUND

Leading flooring manufacturers Altro and Polyflor have joined forces to get the Recofloor scheme off the ground. Both companies are keen to see large quantities of vinyl flooring recycled and have set up systems to collect safety flooring, smooth vinyl flooring off-cuts and uplifted flooring material. Both companies incorporate large quantities of recycled flooring off-cuts back into their new products and uplifted or end-of-life material will be used to manufacture traffic calming products such as traffic cones or road barrier bases, effectively 'closing the loop' and saving this waste stream from landfill.

According to Polyflor, its products have on average 25% recycled content. "This is great considering the vast number of ranges available and the volumes which are produced," says Environmental Market Manager Sonia Baker. "In 2008, Polyflor manufactured and sold around 20 million square metres of vinyl flooring, with 12,005 tonnes of post industrial waste and 736 tonnes of post consumer waste being recycled back into new product. Through Recofloor, we are aiming to increase the amount of post consumer waste that is recycled back into our flooring, across all ranges."

Richard Kahn, Chief Executive of Altro, comments: "At Altro, responsibility is at the heart of everything we do. We constantly look at ways to reduce our environmental impact in both production processes and how the organisation is run. Thanks to the installation of the world's first in-house safety flooring recycling system we have not sent any waste PVC to landfill since mid 2007, and now recycle 100% of our factory waste PVC. We are proud to recycle all safety flooring for the Recofloor Scheme and we incorporate it into new Altro safety flooring."

"The Recofloor scheme is the latest breakthrough in our recycling programme. Not only will this allow us to increase the amount of



Flooring material awaiting recycling

recycled content in our safety flooring products, it will also reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill, lower operating costs and offer contractors a tangible competitive advantage when tendering for projects."

Axion Consulting is agent for the new scheme. Jane Gardner, Recofloor Project Manager for Axion comments:

"We are very pleased that Altro and Polyflor, as founder members of Recofloor, have made this huge commitment to the sustainability of vinyl flooring. It is a major achievement and an important step for the industry."

COULD YOU BE A DROP-OFF SITE?

We are keen to hear from any flooring distributor who could become a drop-off site for Recofloor. Drop-off sites issue Flooring contractors with bags in which to collect installation off-cuts and uplifted flooring. Contractors return the filled bags when collecting new supplies. Drop-off sites need to provide a space in their yard for a collection bin for returned bags of waste flooring. As Genevieve Tullberg from Kent Flooring says: "No company is free from environmental responsibility and we are delighted to support this scheme while helping our customers do their bit".

Please call 0161 355 7618 if you can help.

BAGS ON PALLETS

Please ensure all bulk bags are on pallets for collection.*

Call Recofloor on 0161 355 7618 to arrange collection.



* charges will apply

IN THE NEXT ISSUE....

Find out about the new Recofloor award scheme, devised to reward participants for their provision of consistent good quality flooring that meets specification.

DROP-OFF SITES*

ALDERSHOT

SITA, Station Road West,
Ash Vale,
Aldershot GU12 5QD
Tel: Mick Collard
01252 521777

BANBRIDGE

Banbridge Community
Recycling Centre,
Scarva Road, Banbridge
Northern Ireland
Tel: Technical Services
0284 066 0604

BLACKBURN

SITA, Roman Road Industrial
Estate,
Roman Road,
Blackburn BB1 2LD
Tel: Ken Earnshaw
07767 226506

BLACKPOOL

SITA, Ashworth Road (off
Chapel Road), Marton,
Blackpool FY4 5NQ
Tel: Ken Earnshaw
07767 226506

BRAINTREE

Dunmow Skips,
The Old Railway Yard,
Station Road, Little
Dunmow,
Essex CM6 3HG
Tel: Sam Malins
07801 80280

BRISTOL

Bristol & Avon Waste
Management,
Ironchurch Road,
Avonmouth
Bristol BS11 9BP
Tel: Helen Griffith
01179 829561

BUCKLEY

West Pennine Recycling,
Spencer Industrial Estate,
Liverpool Road, Buckley,
North Wales CH7 3LY
Tel: Mike Hayes
01244 549786

CARLISLE

Brampton Skip Hire,
Warren House Farm,
Brampton,
Cumbria CA8 2HY
Tel: Rick Allen
01697 72524

GATESHEAD

SITA Campground,
Springwell Road, Wrekenton,
Gateshead NE9 7XW
Tel: Ian Haswell
07764 658766

KETTERING

Shanks (Kettering MRF),
Furnace Park,
Telford Way Industrial Estate,
Kettering,
Northants NN16 8UN
Tel: Greg Walton
01536 412 180

LUTON

Waste Recycling Group
Luton Waste Transfer Station
& Recycling Centre
Kingsway
Luton LU4 8AU
Tel: 01582 412400

MARKET DRAYTON

A.R. Richards
Warrant Hanger
Sutton Road, Tern Hill
Market Drayton
Shropshire TF9 2JH
Tel: Andrew/Katie
01630 639888

NOTTINGHAM

Havercross Ltd.,
27, Forester Street,
Netherfield
Nottingham NG4 2LJ
Tel: Ashley Haigh
0800 975 4463

PORTSMOUTH

SITA, Quartremain Road,
Portsmouth PO3 5QH
Tel: Kerry Hampton
02392 664 9134

REDCAR

Warrenby Transfer Station
Tod point, York Road,
Redcar TS10 5AW
Tel: Anthony Smith
01642 776971

SITTINGBOURNE

SITA, West Lane Trading
Estate, West Lane,
Sittingbourne
Kent ME10 3TT
Tel: Kevin Smythe
07870 253015

SUNDERLAND

Rocktop Waste
Management,
Pallion New Road, Pallion,
Sunderland SR4 6UA
Tel: Mark Usher
0191 565 2711

WITNEY

JSP, Pinetree Works,
Lakeside Park, Standlake,
Oxfordshire OX29 7PL
Tel: Chris Bowerman
01993 824000

WORKSOP

Worksop Waste,
Sandy Lane Industrial
Estate,
Worksop,
Nottinghamshire S80 1TN
Tel: Janine Haith
0800 597 0063

* charges may apply

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