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WELCOME to issue 13 of the Recovynyl newsletter. In this issue we report on Recovynyl's performance in 2006 and include a focus on Universal Recycling Company, the largest cable recyclers in the UK.

Recovynyl achieves impressive volumes in 2006.

Recovynyl managed to achieve fantastic results during 2006 by recycling an incredible 16,800 tonnes of post-consumer PVC in the UK.

"We are delighted that the performance of Recovynyl in the UK has greatly exceeded everyone's expectations. This is a fantastic achievement," comments Eric Criel, European Director of Recovynyl. "The high price of virgin PVC material has created a greater demand for post-consumer material which can be used in so many useful new applications."

In 2005, 6,200 tonnes of post-consumer PVC waste was recycled in the UK through the Recovynyl scheme, which beat its targets set for the first year of operation. The UK's Europe-leading performance for PVC recycling has seen recycled rigid and flexible material being re-used in high grade applications, such as new components, pipes and electrical conduit, which is a continuing focus throughout 2007.

Maintaining this momentum remains a challenge and continued commitment to PVC recycling is essential to the on-going success in demonstrating the material's sustainability, says Roger Morton of Axion Recycling, Recovynyl's project managers and technical advisors in the UK.



"These results reflect a growing awareness of Recovynyl among fabricators and installers to recycle, rather than landfill, their post-consumer waste. This not only saves them money on rising disposal costs, but also reduces the impact on the environment" he comments.

"Over the last couple of years, there has been major investment in the recycling infrastructure with 133 waste collectors and 28 accredited recycling companies nationwide. More and more recyclers are investing in the necessary plant and equipment to make PVC recycling happen. So it's now easier than ever to access these facilities."

As well as PVC frames, Recovynyl also covers ancillary PVC products from roofline products, cladding, shutters and blinds to pipes and conduit. This means virtually all PVC waste removed from properties undergoing refurbishment can be recycled.

Throughout 2007 and beyond, Recovynyl will be further developing the supply chain for recycling and increasing the volume of waste being processed. With the cost of landfill constantly rising and toughening legislation looming, it makes sense for companies to recycle PVC.

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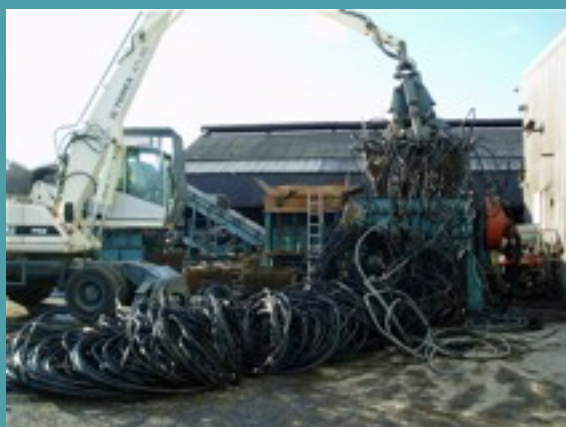
Recycler Focus: Universal Recycling Company

Universal Recycling Company is the largest cable processor in the UK. In the scrap business for over 50 years, the company has operated all over England and is now based in Kilnhurst, between Rotherham and Doncaster, with a second plant in Preston, Lancashire.



The company employs 40 people and has been operating from its 6 acre site in Kilnhurst for over 12 years.

Universal recycles all types of non-ferrous cabling at both locations and at Kilnhurst also processes WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) directive scrap and tyres. With 12 trucks and 250 'roll-on roll-off' skips, Universal is collecting cabling and non-ferrous waste at sites all over the UK. Customers include demolition companies and all the major utility companies in the UK.



When the cable arrives at Universal's plant, it is sorted and graded, shredded and then granulated. As part of the granulation process, the waste is screened, cleaned and separated into specific densities. The result is granulated plastic, copper and steel from small pieces of pipes. John Hughes, Managing Director is proud to say that 99.5% of the cable waste processed by his family business is recycled with just 0.5% going to land-fill.

Membership of Recovynyl has been a positive experience for the company. John Hughes says:

"Everyone we have dealt with connected with Recovynyl has been very good and very helpful. Membership of the scheme has added value for us. Recovynyl are promoting PVC cable recycling and at the end of the day that has to be good for the company."



Much of the granulate produced by Universal is used in the Equestrian sports industry to make all-weather gallops and dressage arenas. Universal supply all the major manufacturers of equestrian arenas and gallops and the most well known trainers in the north of England, Sue and Harvey Smith, have an all-weather gallop made from Universal's products. Universal's granulate is also used in other long life applications such as buckets and traffic cones.

With plans to expand the plant's capacity, Universal has ordered a brand new €1.5 million shredding machine enabling it to process greater volumes of WEEE directive cable scrap.

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