

# RECOVINYL

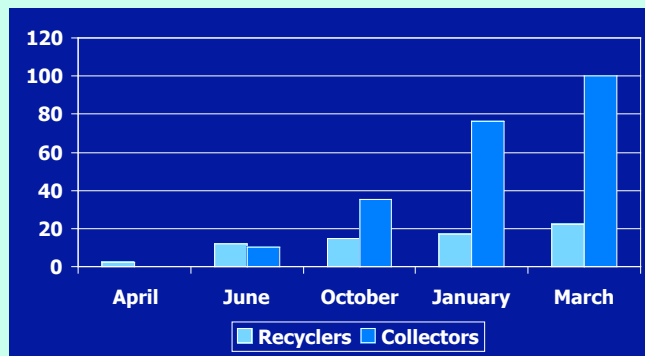
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WELCOME to Issue 3 of the Recovynyl Newsletter. This issue includes the latest news about Recovynyl and the first of a new, regular feature on Recovynyl recyclers in the UK, focussing on Wyndo/EB Enterprise Waste Management, Neath.

## RESULTS UPDATE

Recovynyl audited tonnages continue to rise with the up-to-date figure now exceeding 8,500 tonnes of post-consumer use PVC in the UK. Recovynyl is operational in Belgium, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and the UK. Across Europe, 14,500 tonnes of post-consumer PVC waste have been collected and recycled so far. The numbers of UK participants in the initiative continue to rise with 22 Recyclers and 100 Members-Collectors now on board.



## RECOVINYL: MORE THAN WINDOWS

It is not only old PVC window frames that can be recycled through Recovynyl. In its European partner countries (Benelux & Germany), Recovynyl has been very successful in encouraging the collection of plastic derived from a variety of sources. Indeed, the majority of post-consumer use plastic collected under the scheme, has been used in profile-like applications such as roller shutters, cladding and cable ducting. Over 30% of PVC processed by Recovynyl in Europe comes from pipes such as irrigation pipes for greenhouses, installers of rain gutters and water-sludge systems. Pipes and flexible flooring could be viable collection items in the UK with some 240 kte of flexible flooring installed annually and 8-12,000 te/yr of collectable pipes from the construction industry being potentially available to participants in the scheme.



## Recycler Feature: Wyndo<sup>©</sup> / EB Enterprise Waste Management Ltd

Wyndo/EB Enterprise Waste Management, signed up to Recovynyl from the outset. Already established as a dedicated window recycler, Recovynyl has been easily incorporated into their daily business. As David Evans, Managing Director commented 'Recovynyl has been complimentary to our existing business'.



David Evans and Jonathan Blake founded the company in 1988. Originally based in Wiltshire, they began by testing the viability of establishing a commercial venture in the recovery of reusable materials from the uPVC window sector. Having established a working model, the limited company was formed and the business was transferred to Neath, South Wales. In 2006, the company re-branded itself as Wyndo. Wyndo had help setting up from both the Welsh Assembly Government and the Welsh Development Agency. In 2003 the company won recognition from the New Deal Employer's Scheme for its services to the community by employing a local workforce.

Wyndo has invested in a new processing facility, able to process in excess of 10,000 tonnes per year. The business is now able to efficiently break up and sort waste windows, profiles and sections used in the construction, house building and replacement window markets, into resalable by-products whilst minimising the unusable by-product going to landfill. The destruction and recycling of uPVC windows is carried out via a mechanised process in which the PVC is shredded and all metals, ferrous and non-ferrous, removed. The mechanically treated pellets are sold on to the construction industry. The development of this processing plant has enabled Wyndo to significantly increase its recycling capacity.

Wyndo collect and process all plastics used by the window industry, from sites all over the country. They have invested in a fleet of vehicles and containers for the purpose. Local authorities and window replacement companies are specifically targeted with its container service. Wyndo deliver a container to a site, the container is filled, largely with PVC window waste and is then collected for recycling.

Bowater Windows were the first major customer for the company. All Bowater's window waste in South Wales is now recycled by Wyndo. David Evans sees this as a mutually beneficial arrangement, giving Wyndo business whilst reducing the costs of waste processing for Bowater and helping them achieve environmental targets. Indeed, he believes his company have helped window companies to attract business from local authorities with recycling policies in place.

Recovynyl has brought the company new customers with PVC waste to recycle. David Evans agreed 'it's been very positive for us, putting us in touch with companies that might benefit from our service. Wyndo has seen an increase, up on the previous year, in volumes of post-consumer use PVC recycled through our business and Recovynyl has helped us achieve that'.

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