

## **Veolia South Downs** aim to raise even more 'Wearing it Pink' again!

**Employees of Veolia South Downs will waste** no time in once again getting fully behind **Breast Cancer Campaign's 'Wear it Pink'** initiative at the end of October and hope to raise as much as possible and beating last year's total which was just over £4,000.

Everyone from operatives to office staff will be throwing themselves into fundraising activities. Sites will be donning all things pink, holding pink fancy dress themed events with contract managers dressing as Pink Ladies for the day, all in aid of the cancer charity.

The partnership with Breast Cancer Care forms part of the company's commitment to playing an active role in the local communities in which it operates, this also includes giving all employees half a day to volunteer for a local charity.

Veolia has been supporting Breast Cancer Campaign's 'Wear it Pink' event since 2007 and in 2010 the company

## Waste buddies help Kids to get **Waste Wise**

Children in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove can now find out about waste and all sorts of materials that end up in the bin that could be recycled, thanks to Veolia Environmental Services' Education Outreach Pack, The aim is to get kids thinking about where things need to go to be recycled or reused instead of throwing it away. With the real challenge being how to reduce your waste, the 'lets go shopping' game shows kids how to buy things with less packaging. Getting kids Waste Wise helps us all recycle and of course they will be our recyclers of the future! Anyone interested in a school talk can leave their details on the information section of the website: www.veolia.co.uk/southdowns



## **Veolia's green tips for recycling!**

Follow these handy tips to help you recycle all around your home!



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#### Monday's Green Tip

Tuesday's Green Tip

Perhaps you've already got an extra bin in your

kitchen to collect all that lovely recycling waste!

All those plastic bottles for shampoo, conditioner

Wednesday's Green Tip

Set up a compost bin in your garden, or wormery on

your patio then you can recycle lots more things

without taking a trip to the recycling centre! Fruit

& veg peelings, tea bags and shredded paper are

Brighton & Hove City Council subsidise food

Go to www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/composting

Thursday's Green Tip

Getting a new TV, mobile phone or dishwasher?

There are lots of recycling facilities for large and

small electrical items and some retailers provide

free take-back schemes. You can offer items for

free on reuse networks like Freecycle.

perfect for composting with garden waste.

and garden composters and wormeries.

for more information

and shower gel sometimes get forgotten.

Make sure you rinse out your bottles and jars before you recycle them – it will help keep your recycling box smelling fresh!

Gordon the Make it easy by using the last bit of your washing **GLASS** Jar up water or fill in gaps in your dishwasher.

But what about the bathroom?



#### You can recycle plastic shopping bags at most

supermarkets, so take yours down to give them a new lease of life. Why not pick up a reusable bag at the same time – keep it in your bag or car, ready for the next shopping trip! Remember you don't need to put all your recycling in to a plastic bag if using the black recycling box

Friday's Green Tip



#### Saturday's Green Tip

Buy recycled! Support our recycling industry by choosing recycled products when you shop you could make some savings as well, as many recycled products are cheaper than



Timmy the

#### Sunday's Green Tip

Power up for battery recycling! Batteries can be easily recycled so keep an eve out for collection points in shops, workplaces, schools and libraries. You can also put your batteries in a separate plastic bag by your black box to be collected for recycling. Buy rechargeable batteries that you can use again and again – saving money!



#### Extra things you can do...

Doing some planting? Give old yogurt pots and egg cartons a new lease of life by using them to plant seedlings. Use old tea bags sprinkled with grass seed to fill gaps in a lawnthey will compost away naturally!



Do you know what can be recycled

Visit www.recyclenow.com and enter your postcode – you might be surprised

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## RE:ACT



REDUCE: REUSE: RECYCLE: RECOVER

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This is the seventh issue of RE:ACT, Veolia Environmental Services newsletter with details on the next phase of works at the recycling and waste facilities throughout East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. The newsletter also features updates on other activities happening throughout the area.

Veolia Environmental Services, on behalf of East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council, provides an integrated waste management service designed to manage the area's household waste more sustainably.

## New household waste recycling site opens in Newhaven Users of the site will no longer have to climb steps to put their

A new household waste recycling site in Newhaven opened in July for the benefit of local residents.

Foundry in New Road, replaces the old waste recycling site on

East Sussex County Council has invested more than £2 million to acquire the land and build the new split level site.

More containers are available on the new site and include a lorry area meaning the facility does not have to shut to replace full containers. The new site also includes a dedicated queuing lane

to avoid traffic during busy times.

waste into containers.

The site was funded by a government grant to improve waste and recycling infrastructure and will help recycle even more household waste.

Recycling at the site has recently been made even easier, after Veolia listened to feedback from residents and as a result made further improvements to the site.

Residents can now walk into the pedestrian area inside the site and deposit their waste and recycling following amendments that were made to the fencing and gate. There is also a large information sign which explains how the system operates.



news for Newhaven

INSIDE: Traffic reduction is welcome

Mind - Veolia's charity

Veolia and NCDA Newhaven young people's forum



# Big raffle win for lucky local!

Lady luck was recently shining down on Veolia Environmental Services' employee, Kevin Hussey when he became the winner of the top prize in a raffle held in aid of Mind, the leading mental health charity in England and Wales.

Kevin who works at the Veolia Hollingdean Materials Recovery Facility in Brighton, was presented with a cheque for £4,000 by Charlotte Porter from Mind and Allan Key General Manager from Veolia Environmental Services South Downs.

When asked about winning the top prize, Kevin said: "It hasn't really sunk in yet, but I have been able to buy my son a very special 16th birthday present.

The win couldn't have come at a better time for me, and I'm looking forward to planning a nice holiday with my family next year."

Veolia took part in the raffle as part of its charity partnership with Mind which will see them aim to raise £100,000 for the charity by the end of the year. Raffle tickets were sold at Veolia sites and offices across the country. Total ticket sales from the raffle raised more than £40,000 for Mind, which will be used to help the charity to continue to provide support and information for the one in four people who experience a mental health problem in any year.

## Mind – Veolia's charity of the year

Mind, the leading mental health charity in England and Wales is campaigning for a great cause which is why they have been chosen as Veolia's company charity of the year for 2011.

£100,000 for Mind during

2011. This money will help

society that promotes and

for all, and treats people

with respect.

For better

mental health

with experience of mental

Our current fundraising to

date sits at around the £50k

mark. With many fundraising

activities and events planned

for the remainder of 2011 we

hope to be able to reach our

target of £100,000 by 2012.

distress fairly, positively and

them deliver their vision of a

protects good mental health

This partnership forms part of Veolia's 'Go further together' plan as it will help make a positive impact in the communities where we work and live. It is a sad fact that one in four people in the UK will experience a mental health problem in any one year, so the possibility of it affecting someone you know is high. We hope to raise

> Newhaven will become what is believed to be the only ERF in the UK to utilise rail transportation.

Energy Recovery Facilities have significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions than landfill. Transportation by rail will assist at Newhaven.

Most of the vehicles using the facility are municipal waste collection vehicles collecting waste from homes and communal bins in local streets within the area of Lewes District Council.

The remaining waste from homes in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove arrive in specially designed vehicles capable of carrying as much as three times the weight of a normal refuse vehicle. This ensures the number of vehicles travelling to Newhaven is kept to a minimum.



The Day Group employed by Veolia to transport and recycle the non hazardous bottom ash waste from the ERF has been granted planning permission to develop and use an existing rail siding adjacent to the ERF site. The waste will be removed from the site by rail and will reduce the number of articulated vehicle movements by approximately 3,000 per annum.

The ash will then be processed metals will be recovered for recycling before the residual ash is graded and used in the construction industry as an aggregate substitute.

This use of a rail head will also create two new full time jobs in Newhaven in addition to the 31 full time jobs already created by the ERF. Transportation by rail is expected to start this autumn/winter.

The decision ensures that

in Veolia's aim of further reducing the carbon footprint of the facility



### **Newhaven youngsters** awarded £1,500!

The NCDA Newhaven Young People's Forum successfully received a grant of £1,500. The money was raised through a scheme at the Energy Recovery Facility's construction site at Newhaven. A target of 500,000 hours on site with no reportable accidents was achieved. Main contractors Hochtief, and Hitachi Zosen Innova, along with Veolia Environmental Services agreed to donate £500 each to an appropriate charity. Members of the Construction Liaison Group, which includes local residents and organisations, agreed the Young Peoples Forum was an ideal choice

The forum, compromising of 19 young people aged 11 to 19 years whom represent a "voice for young people" has been established for almost three years.

Late last year their volunteer work was recognised by ESCVYS (East Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Services) at an awards ceremony where they were presented with a framed certificate and featured in the Sussex Express.

Five members of the forum, Alice Halsey, Charlotte Everitt, Treyton Curl, Richard and Hannah Baldwin put together a project plan to hold a fun and challenging youth event. They volunteered their time to prepare and implement a presentation to a panel of judges which included Jeannette Buckle from Veolia, Sid Sharpe from Hochtief, Kevin Shenton from Hitachi Zosen Innova. Newhaven cllr Graham Amy and Rebecca Burgess, Communications manager for ESCVYS.

The team made a nerve wracking pitch to the panel and answered lots of questions posed by the judges. Kay Watts, NCDA Youth Development Worker said: "This is a great opportunity for young people to come together and have fun, develop and learn new skills."

The Forum with the support from the NCDA Youth team organised at a skate park competition with prizes. This event took place on 2 September at Fort Road recreation ground.

## Hollingdean Materials Recovery Facility Community Liaison Group

The Hollingdean Facility Community Liaison Group has been established to enable residents to speak directly to the people involved in managing and operating the Hollingdean Waste Management Facility. Our aim is to work with local residents and businesses to discuss activities on site and points of concern to ensure all our activities in your area cause the minimum amount of disturbance.

It meets locally every six to eight weeks and we welcome all new members. If you would like to join the group please email Kayleigh.mates@veolia.co.uk or phone 01273 544 205.

