



# wastereview

a regular update on waste issues and how they affect you from the UK's No.1 provider of waste management services to the printing industry a division of  issue 12/2017

## Your certificate is waiting!



Now's the time to send for your annual Waste Disposal Compliance Certificate, which is issued by J&G to customers wanting to show that their waste has been collected, treated and properly disposed of in accordance with current legislation.

The certificate is approved by the Environment Agency and acts as valuable documentary evidence that your company has an excellent waste management programme in place.

To receive your latest certificate, just complete the form enclosed with this newsletter and fax or email it back to us. We'll action it on your behalf.

Also enclosed (where appropriate) are full details of the hazardous waste we have collected from you over the last quarter. These documents should be kept on file for a minimum of five years.

Remember, all this information will be particularly valuable to you if you are drawing up an environmental management programme or responding to customers seeking to check the environmental performance of their suppliers.

# New plant for plastic



**Less plastic will be heading to clog up landfill sites as a result of J&G's investment in a brand-new wash plant.**

The improved facilities at the Blandford based site in Dorset has resulted in the recruitment of two additional employees, including a new recycling manager.

The facility enables J&G to recycle HDPE and PP graded plastics which are shredded, granulated and washed, with the water also being recycled in the process.

The plant is capable of dealing

with 8-10 tonnes of plastic per day with an end product ready to go back into the plastics industry.

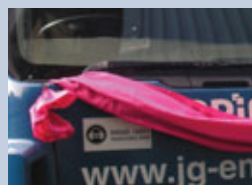
Currently the company recycles 95% of the waste collected from printing clients but is now in the position to pick up and recycle additional waste from other industries including food manufacturers, and new recycling manager Darren Fairlie has been tasked with sourcing plastic from additional avenues. Cosmetics giant Lush, already known for their strong commitment to recycling, is just one J&G has been collecting from recently.

"This is the same kind of system



we had previously but represents a major upgrade and is far more efficient in terms of output," adds J&G Warehouse Manager Paul Dunseith. "We are now recycling many different types of plastic that would previously have gone to landfill with benefits for our clients, the company and importantly, the environment."

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# TOP TEN

**J&G is always pleased to welcome new employees, each with their own set of skills and talents to bring to the mix and this year a number have come onboard.**

Inductions are more common than leaving events as a substantial 39% of loyal J&G staff have been employees more than ten years and an impressive 10% in excess of twenty.

Among those notching up a decade in 2016 were Transport Administrator Malcolm Hill, Service Technician Andy Miles and Warehouse Operatives Michael Webber and Marcus Martin.

This level of staff retention is something General Manager John Haines attributes to the fact that whilst J&G's first priority is keeping customers happy, ensuring the same is true for staff is seen as an essential part of that.



*Malcolm Hill, Transport Manager*

"We can't care properly for our customers and suppliers if we don't also take care of our staff. High quality training, a good working environment, competitive rates of pay and other benefits are what we feel our staff deserve and we provide. It is fantastic when they choose to stay part of the J&G family for many years with the assurance of regular training and opportunities to grow in their existing role or progress to a new one with us."

The company has been recognised as an Investor in People since 2004 with a renewal of this accreditation in 2016.



*Andy Miles, Service Technician*



*Micheal Webber, Warehouse Operative*



*Marcus Martin, Warehouse Operative*

## New contracts

**A number of new clients turned to us in 2016 as their first choice for effective print waste disposal during a year when many existing ones renewed their contracts.**

Among J&G's new customers are leading packaging suppliers Graphic Packaging International (GPI) which has UK sites located in Leeds, Leicester, Newcastle, Gateshead and Bristol.

J&G Environmental was already the waste supplier at two of these sites and is now responsible for waste removal across all five.



GPI Procurement Manager Alex Bretherton commented: "GPI are delighted to consolidate their UK production facilities with just one waste provider and J&G were the obvious choice given their outstanding service already provided at Bardon and the north east. I've been particularly impressed at the way J&G has been able to identify numerous ways in which GPI can save time money and effort from the way our hazardous waste is collected; this is a genuine source of added value for us as a company."

Another new contract is with Pindar, one of the largest privately owned web offset companies which is based in Scarborough with a total of four sites in Yorkshire.

## Fun for Funds



**J&G staff swapped their usual navy polo shirts for something a little brighter when the company registered for Wear It Pink Day last October.**

Staff paid a donation to wear eye catching shades of pink for the day and even HGVs were adorned with pink ribbons. A raffle which included a £40 voucher kindly donated by Hall & Woodhouse

also contributed to monies raised for national breast cancer research charity, Breast Cancer Now. Earlier in the year fundraising efforts were in aid of a local cause and more strenuous to boot.

J&G staff joined a team entering Sherborne Dragon Boat race to raise money for Julia's House, a Dorset based charity which provides support and respite for the families of children with life limiting conditions.



The Bank holiday event saw the team manage the fastest lap in the semi-finals before coming just half a second behind the overall winners in the finals.

During the past year, J&G's charity and sponsorship donations have amounted to £4,640. A big thank you to our employees and families for their time and financial contributions towards this.

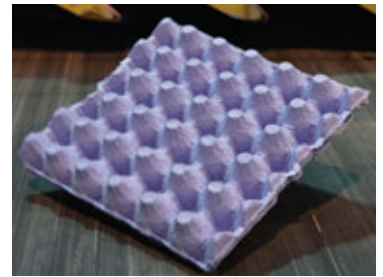
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# Gee up!



**It may be horses for courses but we are also proving to be far from a one trick pony. J&G has been increasingly diversifying when it comes to recycling opportunities and one of our latest ventures is getting fantastic feedback from animal lovers in addition.**

JeeGee Bedding is an allergy friendly alternative to traditional animal bedding which comes in two variations. J&G has been producing this cardboard bedding, suitable for horses, poultry and livestock for a number of years, but this year introduced a new version made from recycled egg trays aimed purely at horses. Both reduced the dust and risk of allergies associated with straw bedding, with the egg box bedding particularly effective in this respect. Such is demand for the bedding that we have just invested in a new shredder to up output from the start of 2017.

Recycling Manager Darren explains; "During production the dust is extracted and fluffed up before baling. This reduces the risk to horses suffering from respiratory problems such as COPD. The bedding is very absorbent and helps to mask odours. It is also biodegradable and easy to compost." Newly converted customer Karen



*J&G's Kate Knight with her two horses Lucca and Joe and JeeGee bedding.*

*Photo: Mike Weeks, of Dorset Photo Event*

Lynch says, "It is easy to spread out and very absorbent. There is no wee draining all over the yard now or urine smell like before with shavings. The ponies are not eating it but do spread it about. It is economic so we do not need to use as much as shavings. The ponies are happy to lie down for a sleep. The only down side is that one of our ponies does teeeeniee poos

which are hard to find in the paper!" Kate Knight, pictured here with her horses, has two very good reasons for being a JeeGee fan. Besides being a keen horsewoman, she's also one of the J&G team, working as an HGV driver.

"When I'm not driving lorries, my time is taken up with the two loves of my life, Lucca & Joe.

I use both the cardboard and egg box bedding for comfort and ease of mucking out. The boys love it because they get nice, big comfy beds. The drainage is good, the dust level is very low and it is also warmer than standard shaving beds so great in the winter."

For enquiries on buying the bedding or more information email [jeegee@jg-environmental.com](mailto:jeegee@jg-environmental.com)

# Textiles and toners

**J&G is taking on an additional site to expand operations with the acquisition of a warehouse near their current Blandford premises.**

This provides greater storage capacity, directly benefitting two current recycling initiatives including office toner and corporate clothing services.

The clothing scheme offers companies the assurance that any identifying logos or labels will be removed and destroyed as a priority. The textiles are sorted under supervision and clothes that can be reused are sent for export minus any identifying features. Non-reusable clothes are baled together and those considered suitable (cotton rich and

absorbent) are sent to our contractor to be turned into industrial wipers (industrial cleaning and polishing cloths). This is a valuable means of recycling thousands of tonnes of unwanted clothing and textiles. At the cutting facility, they then run along a conveyor belt to be cut into a specified size, producing a standard size of wiper free from zips, buttons etc.

Whilst an increasing number of companies export clothes for sorting and cutting in Eastern Europe before importing them back into the UK, J&G's contractor does all this within the UK, reducing an otherwise potentially massive environmental footprint as well as providing UK based employment.

Office toner cartridges can be collected free from any of our customers and are sold on for recycling with the money from sales going to charity - J&G is currently in the process of deciding between worthy causes but are hoping that profits in 2017 will go to benefit local children.

"We would encourage all our customers to let us dispose of their used toners in an environmentally friendly way with the added advantage of helping a good cause," says J&G General Manager John Haines. "The additional warehouse we are acquiring in early 2017 will give us valuable extra storage space to increase levels of recycling in this area as well as corporate clothing."

If you are interested in our corporate clothing or toner recycling services, please call 01258 453445 or email [sales@jg-environmental.com](mailto:sales@jg-environmental.com).

## Look out...

for the relaunch of our website [www.jg-environmental.com](http://www.jg-environmental.com) which goes live in early 2017. You'll be able to download an online version of this newsletter, along with our new JAG product list as well as all our licences, accreditations and certificates. You can also follow us on facebook, twitter and YouTube by clicking the links at the bottom of our website.

# Gremlins in the machine? Who you gonna call?



## JAG Products gets hands-on in the pressroom

The practice of printing has been described as an Art for hundreds of years but there's an awful lot of science and technology involved too, especially in the digital age. Things can sometimes go wrong, problems arise when there's a gremlin in the press and any hold ups cost money.

Staff at JAG Products, the pressroom consumables arm of J&G Environmental, understand the frustration customers feel when the print run isn't going smoothly. Which is why, when the company launched two years ago, it promised a genuine, hands-on technical back-up and advice service covering all JAG Products.

Brian Smith, who heads up JAG, said: "Yes, you can telephone us for advice. But unlike most suppliers, our technical team, with many, many years of printing industry experience behind them, also offer on-site support to ensure you get the best from our products."

And nobody offers more experience than JAG's technical sales manager Kevin Modell who is quickly earning a reputation as our Mr Fixit in pressrooms across the country.

Kevin, 57, joined JAG two years ago, after being in the print business more than 40 years, 38 of them with Ultrachem where he eventually became technical sales manager.

Said Kevin: "I'm a printer by trade but have lots of experience working with different ink and consumables manufacturers. A key part of my job now is going into pressrooms to work alongside operators who might have encountered a snag. We supply only the very best inks and consumables and want to make sure that our customers see that quality reflected in the work

coming off the press. Sometimes it's just a matter of making small adjustments. Other times, the problem is more complex. Regardless I'm here to help get the press rolling again."

## Kevin on the case

Kevin deals with a wide range of pressroom problems. Here's some examples of his recent troubleshooting:

### Tension trouble

A customer complained that packing was slipping into the grip and blamed the blanket. Kevin advised oiling the blanket packing to help them stick together but the problem continued so Kevin visited the pressroom. He put the blanket on the press, set the tension and advised a re-tension after 500 sheets had been run. This solved the issue.

### Reluctant Yellow

A customer reported that Yellow was holding back in the duct and not flowing forward. Kevin visited the pressroom and checked batch numbers with Huber to check if there had been similar complaints but none had been logged. He suggested adding a small amount of reducer to one press and while there was an improvement, it was unrealistic to be an on-going solution. He then suggested increasing the roller temperature on a second press which was successful and the printer went with this option.

### Getting the right dose

Kevin was asked to supply and set up JAG's sheet fed fount because the customer had been having problems with a competitor's product. He drained down the fount unit, cleaned it out and reset the doser unit but found a fault with it so set it up as manual dosing. The job then ran perfectly.

## Contact us

What do you think about our service?

Do you have any queries about your waste management?

We're always very keen to hear from you, so why not log on to our website [www.jg-environmental.com](http://www.jg-environmental.com) where there's a customer comment section. You'll find it under 'Contact/Provide Feedback' so please feel free to contact us at any time.