

MED Newsletter

Winter 2018



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with energy.

Welcome to our first operational update!

Dear reader, As you may know, we aim to keep you informed of any significant events associated with the operation of our Energy from Waste (EfW) Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility. You will have received letters advising you of our annual maintenance shutdown during the summer months and we would like to take this opportunity to update you on how the Facility is performing.

We have been accepting the non-recyclable waste from the whole of Plymouth as well as the South West Devon area since the end of April 2015; the first waste was burnt on the grate on 15th May 2015 and since then we have diverted around 800,000 Tonnes of waste from landfill, with a saving in Greenhouse gases equivalent to removing 29,000 cars from the roads every year.

The Facility is operating even more efficiently than predicted, delivering usable energy in the form of electricity and steam to the Dockyard, as well as exporting electricity to the national grid. Our active engagement with the local community has resulted in year-on-year increases in the number of visitors joining site tours as well as school visits to the Facility, with 1,963 people passing through our doors in the last year.

Our Community Liaison Manager continues to attend community events as requested, as well as organising two annual events at the Facility itself – this year, the annual litter pick was attended by 120 local people and the open day welcomed 230 people through the doors.

In 2019, we are planning to hold the litter pick during the February half term holiday and the open day during the long summer holiday; these will be advertised on our website in the 'Latest News' area.

The Incinerator Liaison Committee continues to meet twice a year, on the third Thursday of the months of January and July, and remains well-attended by local residents and Councillors; the next meeting will be on Thursday 18th July 2019 from 6pm and members of the public are welcome to attend – please let our Community Liaison Manager know in advance so that staff at the gatehouse can be advised (contact details are on the reverse of this newsletter).

Minutes from the ILC meetings are published on our website, once they have been agreed by members at the following meeting.





On 15th May 2015, the very first waste to have energy recovered from it rather than being buried in the ground was fed onto the grate where it burns at around 1000°C



MVV's Managing Director, Paul Carey, continues to get hands-on with activities at the Facility.



ILC member, Alex, supervising litter clearance at the pond area.



Visitors setting off on a site tour as part of the activities on offer during our open day in October.



Open day visitors had the opportunity to make bird boxes for their own gardens or for the woods adjacent to our operational site.



We also made use of the improved woodland area for some foraging, fire lighting and hot chocolate around the camp fire.

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