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YORWASTE INCREASES CONFIDENTIAL WASTE DESTRUCTION

Fears about identify theft and fraud has resulted in a North Yorkshire waste management and recycling company expanding its confidential waste destruction service.

Yorwaste recently invested in a new £39,000 state-of-the-art shredder at its Resource Recovery Centre at Seamer Carr in Scarborough.

The investment was needed to cope with the extra amounts of confidential paper and other items that organisations are now seeking to have safely destroyed, to prevent them falling in to the hands of fraudsters.

Local organisations/businesses that are using the new Yorwaste service include Scarborough Borough Council and Scarborough Evening News.

Yorwaste collect the paper, which is put in special security tagged bags, directly from business premises and take it to Seamer Carr where it is taken into a camera-monitored room and fed in to the shredder by a select group of hand-picked staff.

The paper is shredded into tiny strips and is kept separate from other non-confidential paper as it has a higher sales value if sold separate. This is because confidential paper tends to be of higher quality, e.g. photo quality paper. It is then baled up and sent off to be recycled.

This means that organisations, who also received a data destruction certificate after their paper has been recycled, could effectively receive back the paper they initially disposed of.

The new shredder Yorwaste is using can shred one tonne of paper every hour, compared to the 200kg the old machine could manage.

Mark Moorhouse, Yorwaste Business Sales Consultant, said: "Because we are in an age where identify theft and fraud is on the increase, businesses have become even more cautious, and rightfully so, about the waste they dispose of.

“Our service provides them with the peace of mind that from the moment the paper leaves their offices until the time it is shredded, baled and sent off for recycling at no stage in the process will there be any risk of their documents getting in to the wrong hands.”

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Notes to Newsdesks/Reporters: A photograph of the shredder is attached on email.

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About Yorwaste:

Yorwaste is an innovative waste management and recycling company owned by North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council. Managing more than one million tonnes of waste each year, it provides a comprehensive range of services from engineered landfill and recycling to liquid waste treatment and supply landfill gas for power generation.

The company's Yorventure operation supports local communities and has provided more than £7m in grants for approved projects over the past ten years. Further information can be found at www.yorwaste.co.uk