

Environmental Report

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Planting the seeds for a cleaner, brighter future

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Foreword

Despite continuing to operate in the midst of a global economic recession and a challenging market place, Yorwaste has performed above expectation and it was pleasing to see the company invest in new landfill diversion initiatives and expand into new areas as a result of contracts wins and acquisitions.

Some of the highlights include:

- Introducing a new waste and recycling service for businesses in the Tees Valley
- Opening a new waste transfer station in Bradford
- Starting work on a new £1million waste and recycling contract with the University of York
- Taking over the collection of business waste from local authorities in Richmondshire and Hambleton
- Appointing a waste Commodity Trader to maximise the value we receive from our recyclable materials
- Acquiring SJB Recycling Ltd, a green waste composting and waste wood processing business.

It is also to our credit that we have made good progress in relation to our environmental performance, which we measure through a series of key indicators. Highlights of these include:

- Another significant increase in the amount of renewable energy produced at our landfill sites
- Receiving ISO14001 certification for our recycling, transport and waste transfer operations
- Increasing recycling rates
- Funding hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of community and environmental projects through our environmental body Yorventure.

Yorwaste is not a company to rest on its laurels and with expectations that the economic situation will inevitably improve, we will strive to make further progress in relation to our operations and overall performance in 2011/12.

Steve Grieve
Managing Director

Moving on up

It has long been pivotal to our philosophy here at Yorwaste that waste is regarded as a resource, a raw material that when managed skillfully can have a beneficial effect upon our customers' business performance. The keystone of our proposition is to help our customers ascend the waste management hierarchy without compromising any environmental benefit.

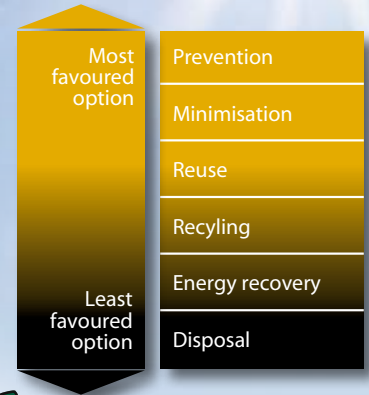
It has come as no real surprise to us that one of the key elements of the new Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 require businesses to confirm that they have applied the waste management hierarchy when transferring waste and to include a declaration on their waste transfer note. It places more emphasis on waste prevention and then requires producers to consider preparing waste for reuse, followed by opportunities for recycling, then options for recovery (such as energy recovery) and once, after all these other options have been explored, disposal. From 28th September 2011, whenever materials are passed on to someone else, a declaration will have to be made on the waste transfer note that the waste management hierarchy has been applied.

Ken Davidson, Yorwaste Senior Sales Manager, said: "Yorwaste has been helping our customers with this challenge by providing energy recovery, recycling, compost and reuse services, in fact we are uniquely placed in so far as we can provide these in-house services within our region (see coverage map opposite) without transporting materials significant distances just to ascend the waste management hierarchy.

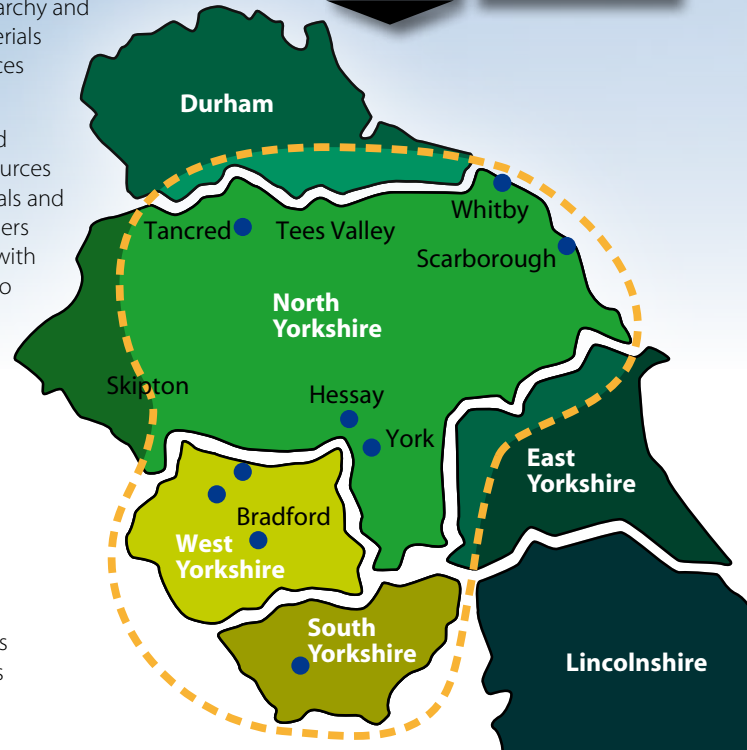
"Ironically we have also been helping some customers with some waste prevention measures. It's no different to some of the large energy suppliers providing us all with energy saving bulbs or asking us to turn off unused lights.

"We see it as much more than an ascent of the waste management hierarchy as there are other factors that have an impact upon our customers, such as carbon footprint. There is certainly a balance between climbing the hierarchy and transporting materials significant distances to do so.

"We have invested considerable resources to process materials and move our customers up the hierarchy with facilities as close to these customers as possible."



Yorwaste operates within these areas



A year in review

Over the last 12 months, Yorwaste has continued to make great strides to help its customers divert waste from landfill and seek more sustainable solutions. Over the next four pages we provide a summary of the main highlights.

New Tees Valley recycling service

Businesses in the Tees Valley are making major financial savings, as well as helping the environment, following the launch of a new waste and recycling service.

For the first time many businesses are now able to recycle the waste they produce, thanks to the new service introduced by Yorwaste in 2011.

One of the first businesses to take advantage of the service is Scholars Restaurant in Bondgate, Darlington. Its owner, Joyce Mead, used to pay Darlington Borough Council £2,000 a year to collect her waste.

Under the new service she is able to separate the restaurant's waste as Yorwaste provides two large bins – one for mixed recyclable materials, such as cardboard, plastic, paper and cans, and another for non-recyclable materials, such as food waste.

Despite having two bins, Joyce has seen her waste collection bills fall to £936 a year under the Yorwaste service.

Joyce said: "It is a win, win situation for me because as well as saving money I am now also helping the environment because for the first time much of the waste we produce in the restaurant is now being sent for recycling."

Lindsey Skelton, Yorwaste's Site Manager at Tancred, where the waste is taken for sorting, said: "In the current economic climate, businesses are looking to make savings wherever they can and our new service can help them to do that whilst also increasing the amount of waste they recycle."



West Yorkshire expansion

In 2010, Yorwaste further expanded its operations by opening a new waste transfer station facility in Low Moor, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

The transfer station has allowed Yorwaste to begin new commercial waste and recycling collection services in Bradford and surrounding towns and cities such as Leeds, Wakefield, Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Halifax.

It represents another major milestone in the company's growth as it continues to expand from its traditional areas of North Yorkshire and the City of York.



The transfer station, which has initially created four new jobs for local people, can accept general waste and recycled waste from a range of commercial and industrial premises, including shops, garages and offices.

As part of the new service, Yorwaste is also offering its customers more effective ways of recycling as much of their waste as possible, through the introduction of multi-material recycling containers. It is also the intention to introduce new services in the future, including food waste services.

Yorwaste's Divisional Director, Roland Bell, said: "We have been working in and around parts of West Yorkshire for some time, but having a dedicated facility in Bradford will allow us to expand even further and open up new markets for the company.

"The waste transfer facility is close to all the major road links such as the M62, M1 and A1, so it will allow us to provide a cost-effective waste management solution to businesses across West Yorkshire."

New commercial waste service

A new contract is resulting in Yorwaste collecting thousands of tonnes of waste from businesses across the Hambleton and Richmondshire areas of North Yorkshire.

In July 2010, the company began collecting waste from around 2,000 new commercial customers, after the service was transferred to Yorwaste by Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils.

As this waste is mixed, e.g. it can contain recyclable and non-recyclable items, it currently has to go to landfill. However, Yorwaste intends to offer its customers a new recycling service that will enable them to sort their waste into separate bins before it is collected.

"Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils have transferred the commercial waste collection service to Yorwaste in order to ensure local businesses continue to receive value for money," said Hambleton District Council Cabinet Member, Councillor Brian Phillips.





University waste contract

Students and staff are one of the main focuses of a new recycling drive aimed at diverting all of a university's waste from landfill.

As part of a new five-year, £1 million contract, Yorwaste is working in partnership with the University of York to remind students and staff about the importance of recycling as much of their waste as possible.

And to give everybody even more incentive to correctly dispose of their waste, the university will receive a rebate of £15 for every tonne of material that is successfully recycled.

Yorwaste is collecting recyclable materials, such as paper, cardboard and plastic, and non-recyclable waste. The University is working with Yorwaste to introduce recycling of different types of waste streams, adding more innovation to how the waste is segregated.

Jill Taylor, of the University's Campus Services, said: "The University is looking forward to working with Yorwaste to promote and introduce recycling facilities within academic and office areas, as well as continue the excellent recycling with the students in residential areas.

"Yorwaste operate within the York area and this will support the University's sustainability aims and objectives."

College waste contract



Yorwaste has been awarded a contract to provide waste collection and recycling services on behalf of Calderdale College.

The company has begun providing general and co-mingled waste collections to the Halifax-based college, which is the largest further education, higher education and work-based learning provider in the West Yorkshire borough.

The three-year contract involves the collection of an estimated 330 tonnes of waste each year.

The general waste is taken to Yorwaste's new waste transfer station in Bradford and the co-mingled material is transported to one of Yorwaste's Materials Recycling Facilities in York, where it is separated and then baled up to be sold to the recycling markets.

The College's Head of Facilities and Estates, John Barrott, said: "Calderdale College is pleased to have appointed Yorwaste as our waste management partner to work with us over the next three years to reduce our landfill volumes, increase our recycling streams and become a more sustainable college."

Waste commodity trader

Yorwaste's has appointed its first-ever Commodity Trader to ensure the company gets the best-possible prices for the recyclable materials it collects.

And with the international recyclable commodity market buoyant in 2010/11, it means that just like a city trader, Wayne Cox's phone and email is currently red hot.

Wayne spends his time negotiating the price of materials such as paper, glass, cardboard, plastic and cans with waste brokers across the world. However, this new role created by Yorwaste is much more than just about selling to the highest bidder.

As an ethically responsible company, Wayne has to ensure that any material that is sold by Yorwaste goes to accredited recycling outlets. This includes the UK, Indonesia, and China – the three markets where Yorwaste currently sells the majority of its paper.

Wayne said: "When I tell people I am a commodity trader they think I work in London on the stock exchange but the role I have is very similar in that my aim is to get the best possible price for the products we sell.

"The recycling market is particularly buoyant at the moment, although it has always been a very volatile market, so currently it is about maximising the sale of materials, whilst also exploring new markets, such as textiles."

Electrical recycling review

A rise in the number of flat-screen televisions being disposed of has prompted Yorwaste to review its electrical recycling service on the outskirts of York.

Yorwaste initially established its TV recycling service, which is based at its facility on the Hessay Industrial Estate, to process old bulky Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT). The site processes around 3,000 TVs and computer monitors per week.

However, since 2008 there have been virtually no CRT TVs or computer monitors sold in the UK. This means that the proportion of flat-screen TVs, such as LCD and Plasma sets, being sent for recycling will steadily increase and overtake the number of CRTs within the next couple of years.

As a result of this Yorwaste is reviewing its electrical recycling service, which also encompasses the recycling of appliances such as laptops, toasters, Hi-Fi, DVD players and vacuum cleaners.

Yorwaste's Senior Commercial Manager, Chris Wilson, said: "There is a different process required in dismantling LCD or Plasma televisions so the review we are carrying out will look at how we can manage the transition from CRTs to flat-screens over the next five years, as well as generally seeking further improvements to our entire electrical recycling service."

Yorwaste's Materials Recycling Facility at Hessay is also under review, with one of the options being to relocate to a larger site.



Environmental performance review

Yorwaste measures its environmental performance through a series of key indicators. Our performance against these indicators in 2010/11 is detailed over the following pages.

Climate change

Indicator: **Carbon footprint**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



In common with most companies, climate change and the management of carbon emissions is a significant challenge facing Yorwaste. The company is dedicated to minimising the contribution to climate change from its operations.

The table opposite provides a summary of Yorwaste's carbon footprint for the reporting period.

In order to further improve its management of carbon emissions, Yorwaste is committed to making further refinements to the data systems used to assess carbon footprint, ensuring that the data presented is accurate and verifiable. During 2011/12 the company aims to achieve the Carbon Trust Standard for its reporting systems.

	Tonnes (CO ₂ Equivalent) 2010/11
Process related emissions	
Landfill gas emissions including passive venting, flared & power generation	177,928
Transport related emissions	
Transport related emissions including waste transport vehicles and company cars	2,285
Energy consumed	
Electricity	405
Plant & equipment	3,382
Total emission	184,000
Energy exports	
Credit for electricity generated from landfill gas	-25,667
Net total CO₂ equivalent emission	158,332
Tonnes of waste handled	903,934
CO₂ equivalent emission per tonne of waste handled	0.18



Indicator: **Electricity generated**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



Yorwaste is always seeking to increase the amount of green electricity produced at its landfill sites. This is achieved through capturing the gas produced in the landfill and utilising it as an energy resource that has significant economic and environmental value. During the period 2010/11, the total quantity of electricity exported to the National Grid rose significantly from 47,644 MWh to nearly 60,000 MWh.

	MWh 2010/11
Harewood Whin	39,234
Skibeden	10,660
Seamer Carr	8,103
Scorton	1,693
Total	59,690

Indicator: **Installed electricity generating capacity achieved**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



Yorwaste is committed to maximising the value derived from waste, whilst minimising environmental impacts. Utilisation of landfill gas in this way is a key element in delivering this commitment. Overall, the average installed capacity during the period 2010/11 has increased to over 10MW.

	MW 2010/11
Harewood Whin	6.5
Skibeden	1.5
Seamer Carr	1.4
Scorton	0.7
Total	10.1

Indicator: **Proportion of gas flared/used for power generation**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



Through the increases in installed capacity, particularly at the Skibeden site, Yorwaste is now collecting and utilising more landfill gas than ever before to generate electricity. Use of landfill gas in this way minimises the overall environmental impact of the operation, and significantly reduces the company's carbon footprint. The diagram opposite shows the split between power generation and gas that was safely flared.

Power Gen 90%



Flared 10%



Land use and wildlife

Indicator: **Site restoration**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved 

Yorwaste completed the restoration of two further landfill sites during the period, (West Tanfield and Mickleby). Including these sites, which have reached the end of their operational lives, the total area of

landfill that has been fully restored has reached 67%, achieving the annual target and up from 61% at the end of the previous period.

Indicator: **Biodiversity & habitats**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved 

As areas of landfill come to the end of their working lives, Yorwaste needs to restore the land and return it to a natural state. To help us maximise the environmental benefit and improve biodiversity, we commission ecologists to ensure restoration schemes make best use of the land. This strategy is monitored regularly via independent surveys.

- Yorwaste set itself a target for the period of implementing its biodiversity strategy, and carrying out a programme of work to improve wildlife habitats on its sites.
- The programme of ecological survey and restoration work will continue in 2011/12.

Regulatory compliance

Indicator: **Number of enforcement notices**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved 

All waste management operations are required to operate within the strict legal framework of Environmental Permits, issued and regulated by the Environment Agency. Yorwaste is committed to ensuring that all operations are carried out consistently to the highest standards and in full compliance with these responsibilities, along with all other statutory requirements. Our sites are subject to regular inspection by the Environment Agency, during which operational performance is assessed. If we fall short of the expected standards, the Environment Agency could issue enforcement notices requiring corrective action to be taken.

During the period Yorwaste obtained independent certification to the ISO14001 standard for the Environmental Management System implemented at many sites. Implementation of robust environmental control procedures along with regular independent compliance audits is an integral part of Yorwaste's ISO14001 Environmental Management System and has significantly contributed to the company achieving its target of zero enforcement notices being issued during the period.

Environmental Management Systems

Indicator: **Proportion of sites operating with a formal EMS**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



All Yorwaste operations are operated under various environmental permits and permissions and have an environmental management system (EMS) in place aimed at achieving compliance with these, along with driving continual improvement.

Through this system Yorwaste ensures that all of the potential environmental impacts which may arise from its operations (both positive impacts for example from utilisation of landfill gas, as well as potential negative impacts from issues such as carbon emissions) are recognised and assessed. Systems are in place to control any significant impacts and improve the company's performance where necessary. A programme of regular internal audits ensures that these controls are effective.

Yorwaste set itself the target of achieving independent certification to the ISO14001 standard for its EMS during 2010. In October 2010 auditors from SGS completed a certification audit of the EMS at a number of sites and awarded the company ISO14001 certification for its recycling, transport and waste transfer operations. Currently this ISO14001 certification covers the majority of the company's sites. It is planned to extend the scope of this certification in a phased manner during 2011/12 to include all composting operations, and ultimately during 2012/13 to cover all of the company's operations.

A case study on ISO14001 follows on page 12 & 13.



Achieving the standard



There are increasing pressures, both internal and external, on all businesses to effectively manage their environmental risks and improve environmental performance. As a waste management and recycling company, Yorwaste fully recognises this, along with the need to demonstrate to all stakeholders a commitment to good environmental management practice. All businesses need to move on from merely being “compliant” to a position of environmentally sustainable risk management.

It is against this background that Yorwaste decided to formalise its existing Environmental Management Systems and obtain external verification to the ISO14001 standard.

Peter Frankish, Yorwaste’s Health, Safety and Environmental Quality Manager said “ISO 14000 provides Yorwaste with a structure to build our environmental management system around. Through this we established a system, integrated with a Quality Management System, which has enabled us to consistently manage our environmental activities and potential impacts whilst maintaining the highest levels of customer satisfaction. In addition, the continuous

improvement elements of the standard enabled us to develop a systematic approach to identifying environmental improvement programmes that are in line with our stakeholder needs and the needs of the business.”

Yorwaste decided to implement ISO14001 in a phased approach throughout the company’s activities.

In mid-2010 an initial review was carried out in conjunction with auditors from SGS, the company’s chosen certification body. This identified a number of weaknesses, particularly with respect to the storage of materials such as fuel, oil and chemicals, site drainage systems and housekeeping. In response, detailed improvement plans were developed at all sites, which were implemented over the preceding three months.

Investment in relatively low cost solutions, along with the development of robust operating procedures and a thorough programme of environmental training for the workforce, largely addressed the concerns originally raised. In addition, measures such as environmental near miss reporting systems and environmental toolbox talks have ensured that environmental issues are given wider visibility both internally and externally.



The introduction of thorough internal audit process has ensured that the high standards expected are being consistently applied and maintained across all sites.

Phase 1 of the implementation process ended in October 2010 with the certification of the recycling, transport and transfer sites at:

- Tancred Transport Depot and Waste Transfer Station, near Catterick
- Rawcliffe Transport Depot, York
- Fairfield Transport Depot and Waste Transfer Station, Whitby
- Hessay Materials Recycling Facility, Hessay, near York
- Harewood Whin Waste Transfer Station, York
- Seamer Carr Materials Recycling Facility, Scarborough
- Waste management services on the Nestlé site at York
- Yorwaste Head Office, Northallerton.

Phase 2 of the implementation process was completed in April 2011 with the inclusion of Household Waste Recycling Centres managed on behalf of City of York Council. It is planned to include all of the company's composting operations during Phase 3, to be completed during late 2011. The final phase will involve the integration of landfill activities into the system during 2012/13.

The benefits of this management system are many and widespread throughout the company, including the development of a more engaged and environmentally aware workforce, and a more robust environmental risk management processes.

In addition, it is ever more common for perspective clients to give a higher priority to environmental sustainability and quality of service provision, rather than outright cost. In this respect, one of the key business benefits for Yorwaste was that achieving ISO 14001 has acted as a source of competitive advantage in the bidding process.



Waste minimisation and resource productivity

Indicator: **Material recovered from the waste stream**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



A key element of Yorwaste's business strategy is the development of facilities to support the diversion of material from landfill and the implementation of more sustainable waste management solutions. The company is committed to finding ways to extract maximum value from all of the waste materials handled. Despite difficult trading conditions and the ongoing global recession, which continues to have a significant impact on recycling markets, Yorwaste was able to maintain the tonnages of material being recycled through its facilities.

	Tonnes 2010/11
Metal Recycled (ferrous & non-ferrous)	2,007
Plastic Recycled (inc bottles & hard plastics)	3,944
Glass Recycled	11,805
Wood Recycled	10,997
Paper & Card Recycled	35,143
Green Waste Composted	68,722
CRT Units Processed*	165,578
Total material handled	903,934

* CRT units processed are in units, not tonnes

Indicator: **Household waste recycling rates at Yorwaste managed sites**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



Yorwaste manages the operations on a number of Household Waste Recycling Centres within the York and North Yorkshire areas. One of the main objectives when operating such sites is to engage with the public in order to maximise the diversion of material away from landfill disposal, by increasing recycling rates wherever possible. The recycling rates achieved at the Yorwaste managed sites are detailed opposite.

	2010/11 Recycling Target	2010/11 Recycling Outcome
City of York Council 3 Sites	60%	62%
North Yorkshire County Council 2 Sites	60%	70%

Neighbourliness

Indicator: **Stakeholder feedback**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



Yorwaste is committed to providing an excellent service to its customers whilst at the same time minimising any potential impact on its neighbours. As such stakeholder feedback is extremely important to us and forms a crucial part of the company's ISO9001 certified Quality Management System.

Where it is reported that Yorwaste operations are causing concerns among our neighbours in the local community, the company is committed to tackling any issues in a prompt and responsible manner and providing feedback to all interested parties.

During 2010, Yorwaste introduced a new centralised reporting system for all of its stakeholder feedback, be it from customers, regulators or members of the local community. This system provides a means of tracking issues identified anywhere within the organisation, from the first notification, through to final resolution and feedback. This system will be subject to regular audit to ensure that concerns are being adequately addressed, and will significantly improve the management of stakeholder feedback.

Indicator: **Community consultation and liaison groups**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



Yorwaste has participated in formal public liaison committees at the majority of its landfill sites for many years. These groups ensure that local communities are kept informed of the operations and any planned developments on the site, have an opportunity to raise any concerns and provide feedback to the company.

During 2010, in response to concerns from the local community about proposals to develop the Harewood Whin site, near York, the frequency of the liaison meetings with local community groups in this area was increased.

In addition to Harewood Whin, the company also takes part in formal liaison meetings at the Caulklands, Skibeden and Tancred sites. Engagement with community representatives is actively encouraged and further groups will be established with the local community wherever this is appropriate.

Projects

Indicator: **Funding of community and environmental projects**

Outcome: **YES** Target achieved



Landfill tax credits generated by Yorwaste continue to be distributed as grants to community and environmental projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. The grants, which totalled just under £600,000 in 2010/11, fund projects close to Yorwaste landfill sites and are distributed by the company's independent not-for-profit Environmental Body, Yorventure Ltd.

Some of the more significant schemes funded in the reporting period were:

1. North York Moors Historical Railway Trust Yorventure Visitor Centre

Yorventure awarded two grants to the Trust. The first grant of £33,000 contributed to the conversion and extension of a former pump house to create a visitor centre, providing materials and displays depicting the impact the railway has had on the development of the local community. The exhibition provides two distinct areas with interactive features – the history room and railway room. At the opening of the visitor centre in October 2010, a further £20,000 was awarded to develop a picnic/seating area for visitors adjacent to the centre and additional interpretation on the railway platform. This grant was the 500th awarded by Yorventure.



2. Scarborough Gymnastics Academy

The Yorventure award of £9,500 paid for the installation of a sprung floor creating a large area for multiple activities to take place alongside each other. The existing matted area has been moved to another part of the gym to be utilised as a warm up/dance space. This allows the club to accommodate more people in weekly sessions. The Academy provides facilities for the whole of the Scarborough District and 300 people attend regularly during term time, with over 100 attending holiday camp activities. It offers facilities for the local community, disabled children and young people, as well as competitive gymnasts travelling from further afield.

3. Lythe Village Hall Play Area

The Yorventure grant of £25,000 contributed to the creation of a children's play area at the rear of the recently refurbished and redeveloped village hall, which lies in the heart of this rural community. The new play area has been created on a former school playground which was derelict, unused and overgrown. The project included the purchase and installation of play equipment, safety surfacing, paved seating area, together with paths and fencing. This new community space creates opportunities for play, recreation and social interaction.



4. North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust Community Garden

Yorventure awarded £15,000 towards this project, which was to transform an existing eyesore within the village into a serene and interesting community led garden in the heart of the village. The garden comprises paths, seating, shrub planting, wildflower meadow, grassed areas, trees and dry stone walling. Much of the work in establishing the garden has been undertaken by groups of volunteers led by people from the village and this involvement will continue with local children planting their own area and workshops for all residents being set up.



5. Cononley Village Playing Fields -

The Yorventure grant of £7,140 paid for a group swing – a key piece of apparatus on this newly refurbished play area. The 'snake' swing meets the need for more challenging equipment and to provide a space to congregate as identified through consultation with young people in the village. It is aimed at older children, particularly girls, and can be used for play or just 'hanging out'. It is sited on an area of the playing fields already used for play space and contributes to provision for all ages on the site.

Appendix 1 **Yorwaste's environmental performance summary 2010/11**

Outcome

Climate Change

Increase amount of electricity generated.	Achieved
Increase installed electricity generation capacity.	Achieved
Increase proportion of gas used for power generation.	Achieved

Land Use and Wildlife

Restore 67% of the total area of landfill sites.	Achieved
Continual implementation of biodiversity strategy to improve wildlife habitats.	Achieved

Regulatory Compliance

Manage operations so as to receive zero enforcement and prosecutions.	Achieved
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Environmental Management Systems

Achieve certification to the ISO14001 standard for the company's Environmental Management System.	Achieved
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Outcome

Waste Minimisation & Resource Productivity

Achieve BVPI recycling target for CYC HWRC's of 60%.	
Achieve BVPI recycling target for NYCC HWRC's of 60%.	Achieved

Neighbourliness

Introduce centralised reporting system for stakeholder feedback.	Achieved
Yorwaste will consult with the its community and participate in formal consultations wherever necessary.	Achieved

Projects

Yorwaste will help fund community and environmental projects close to its landfill sites.	Achieved
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Appendix 2 **Yorwaste's environmental performance targets for 2011/12**

Climate Change

Obtain independent verification for the systems to measure, calculate and report on the company's carbon footprint through achieving the Carbon Trust Standard.

Increase installed electricity generation capacity.

Increase proportion of gas used for power generation.

Land Use and Wildlife

Restore 70% of the total area of landfill sites.

Continual implementation of biodiversity strategy to improve wildlife habitats.

Regulatory Compliance

Manage operations so as to receive zero enforcement notices.

Environmental Management Systems

Maintain ISO14001 certification for all existing sites and expand scope to include:

- Bradford Transport and Waste Transfer Depot
 - Waste Composting Operations.
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Provide formal Environmental Awareness and, where necessary, Quality Awareness training to all first line supervisors.

Waste Minimisation & Resource Productivity

Achieve BVPI recycling target for CYC HWRC's of 60%.

Achieve BVPI recycling target for NYCC HWRC's of 60%.

Neighbourliness

Reduce the number of unresolved issues logged within the centralised stakeholder feedback reporting system.

Yorwaste will continue to consult with the local community and participate in formal consultations wherever necessary.

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