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# **Quarterly Newsletter**



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Bucks Recycling are proud to announce that we were once again finalists at the JACKfm Oxfordshire Brick Awards. Last year we won Trade Supplier of the Year and Tricia our founder and Managing Director won Best Woman in the Trade. This year Grace, our Head of Logistics was a finalist for the prestigious award of 'Best Woman in the Trade' and Tricia was up for another incredible award of 'Oxfordshire's Best Boss'. Our driver Wayne was a finalist for 'Oxfordshire's Best Tradesperson' and Lucy was a finalist for the 'Best Customer Care' award. As a company we were

finalists for the 'Clean & Green Award' & 'Business of the Year'. We were off to the Award's Ceremony on 29th September to celebrate our wonderful staff and another successful year in the Trade Industry. A good night was had by all, we won 3 out of the 6 awards that we were nominated for. Grace won Best Woman in the Trade Industry and Wayne won Oxfordshire's Best Tradesperson. Bucks Recycling won Business of the Year! What an incredible achievement and we want to say a huge thank you to all our employees who make us

what we are. We had a fantastic evening and it was lovely to share the night with so many of our employees.

Congratulations to all the finalists on the evening and all of the much deserved winners. This year was rather bittersweet however, as JackFM announced that their station has been bought out by greatest hits Radio and so this was the last ever Brick Awards Ceremony. It was a great last hurrah for us and we are proud to have been part of such a fantastic local event over the years. We will miss you, JackFM!







### Congratulations & Celebrations

Congratulations and good luck to Phil Clarke, who finished his final CPC Transport Manager exam. All fingers and toes crossed for you.

A BIG happy birthday to Jakub Swiderski who celebrated his 40th in July, and to John Larkin who celebrated his 60th in September.



Huge congratulations to our newly married couple Bogdan & Dorota who tied the knot in their native Poland with their friends and family. We all wish you a very happy future together.



#### Wall of Shame

Every once in a while, we are unfortunately unable to pick up a customer's skip due to overloading. It is an extremely frustrating situation for the driver, and the Transport department.

Some skips however, are so overloaded, to the point where it starts to be a little bit funny. It is hard to imagine what the thought pattern was when loading these skips. When you need a ladder to load the skip, it's safe to say it's full!

## Bucks Recycling Trial an Electric Skip Lorry

On 11th July we trialled our first 100% electric skip lorry. As part of our vision to 'be eco-warriors in the war on global warming', we are keen to take this next step towards becoming net zero. We discovered that the electric lorry would be ideal for our short distance work, getting a full day out of it before it needed to be charged. Unfortunately though, it did not fare as well on longer



routes due to the range available.

It was a great opportunity to test the latest advancements in vehicle development and gave us the knowledge needed to make informed decisions about our fleet, and give feedback to manufactures on how to improve the chances of electric vehicles being a feasible option for a rural skip company like ourselves.







## Bucks Recycling's Logistics Department Gets a New Home

Bucks Recycling have unveiled the new weighbridge office that will now be home to the entire Logistics Department.

We have Grace Miles back from her HGV driver training as the Head of Logistics, Phil Clarke as head of the HGV drivers, and we look forward to welcoming our new Weighbridge Operator and Logistic Planner, Honorata-Zofia Gorak, in early October. Waste Logistics Manager Timo Timson will also have his office base there.

It has been a labour of love, and has involved the hard work of people from all departments. Our Transport Manager, Arron Gorbutt, has done an amazing job overseeing the project, from initial design to procurement, right through to final placement of the new building.

Waste Operations Manager Radu Cotosman, MRF Manager Simon Wright, and engineer John Larkin got the external groundworks up to spec, ready for the new building.

The implementation of the new weighbridge will unite a previously fragmented department therefore ensuring the day-to-day waste in and out operations are managed successfully under one roof.



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#### Skip hire in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Bucks recycling has been providing professional, reliable and affordable skip hire services throughout Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire for over 20 years.

We are experts in supplying skips for construction, demolition and domestic waste. We have built an outstanding reputation within the industry and our client base is built strongly on recommendation. We work hard to provide a high quality waste management and waste disposal service at highly competitive rates.

## **Bucks Biodiversity**

Just because it's a waste transfer station doesn't mean it can't be beautiful!

Here at Bucks Recycling, we pride ourselves on our ethical approach to waste disposal; believing in 100% diversion from landfill and reducing our impact on our immediate environment.

Our Transport Manager has also reduced the number of Euro 5 HGVs to only two in a fleet of 31, meaning that we now have 29 Euro 6 vehicles. Euro 5 engines focused largely on carbon dioxide emissions (CO2), while Euro 6 is primarily focused on reducing nitrogen oxide emissions (NOx). Other ways we have been focusing on reducing emissions is by actively reducing engine idling and undertaking research into alternative fuels.

One of the company's missions in 2023 was to plant a tree for every 1,000 tonnes of waste processed. We are very proud to have planted 60 trees so far this year, with many more due to be planted later in the year. Each tree we plant on our site not only offsets some of our carbon emissions, but also creates new habitats for the local wildlife - I have spotted a large family of squirrels starting to stash their nuts and acorns ready for the winter. Our next plan is to design an assault course for our squirrel site-mates to run and play around between the trees.

