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Our UK customers are responsible for so much positive waste and recycling activity that we thought we would share their successes (and ours) with a waste and recycling briefing. And don't worry, we will keep it brief.

If you would like to contribute or update us on your local authority's waste and recycling wins, then drop me a line at mark.jenkins@egberttaylor.com.

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National award win

Egbert Taylor has won the Smarter Systems (Efficiency) Award at this year's National Recycling Awards, which took place at London Hilton, Park Lane, on 27 June, beating 10 other companies that had been shortlisted for the coveted category. Over 600 of the recycling sector's prominent figures came together to celebrate the waste industry's achievements, many of which were vying for an illustrious recycling award across 21 categories. We were presented with the award following our partnership with the UK's largest textile recycling business, Nathan's Wastesavers, which saw us develop an innovative locking system and remote monitoring solution in response to problems with textile materials theft.



Now you see it...

Crawley Borough Council has been looking at waste with a fresh pair of eyes after awarding Egbert Taylor the contract to supply their estates with See Bins, which promote effective segregation by making it easier for the user to see the type of waste being collected through side panels. The rollout, which was used to support a flats recycling project, has seen great results and delivered an overall improvement in recyclate quality.

A breath of fresh Ayr

South Ayrshire Council has refreshed its approach to waste collection after introducing 1,500 of Taylor's **Lid in Lid** throughout the region. The Lid in Lid, which features a restrictor plate to ensure waste is matched to the appropriate container, has helped the council dramatically reduce contamination in communal areas as part of its campaign to tackle the issue.



In reverse order

Islington Council has had success with our Reverse Lid, a product we developed in partnership with the local authority. Having already ordered 70 lids, which have been designed to encourage segmentation of waste at source by providing a restricted aperture and reduce wear and tear of livery and educational messages located on the bin when emptied, the council has managed to reduce contamination on estates across Islington. The council now plans to add more Reverse Lids to its fleet.

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Slough Borough Council are also following Islington's lead by implementing Reverse Lid trials that are already generating positive results (updates to follow in the next issue).

Major breakthrough in Manchester

Manchester City Council and Biffa have been leading the way with investment into the city centre. After a very successful trial with **Bigbelly**, the solar powered compacting bin, which is distributed in the UK by Egbert Taylor, has delivered a net reduction of 1,700 waste collections (a 90 per cent reduction) over a fiveweek trial period - with just 10 Bigbelly stations. The council and Biffa will now be rolling out 51 stations across the city this summer.

Let's raise a glass to Fife Council

The Scottish local authority has fitted 190 of Egbert Taylor's sensors into 190 Taylor Continental 1280L glass recycling bins located at various glass bring sites around the region. The inclusion of the remote monitoring technology will vastly reduce the number of unnecessary collections made by the council. Now, from any location, the waste collection team can immediately find out which containers need emptying and those that don't.

The wonder of the weld

A day in the life of... Lee McDermott, Weld Shop Supervisor at Egbert Taylor

I've been at Egbert Taylor for over 20 years and I can honestly say that there's no other manufacturer that welds to the quality we do.

The whole team are time-served welders, all trained to NVQ Level 2 and above, and the intricate work that everyone can do is something that I still find impressive even to this day. It's also this level of craftsmanship that sees us winning major orders from prominent brands such as Nissan and local authorities nationwide on a regular basis.

It's an early start, particularly for me, as I need to be onsite at 5.30am to make sure that the team have everything they need for when they start at 6am. It also gives me a chance to understand all the jobs that need to be completed by the end of the day, all of which are different.

We take pressed panels - flat sheets of steel - and turn them into what you see on streets up and down the UK. From welding the gussets onto the comb bars and tacking the panels together once they're loaded into a jig, to fully welding the inside of each unit and adding lifting points as per the customer's spec. We do it all in-house and create everything from scratch – a level of craftsmanship that sets us apart from other manufacturers, many of whom import lesser quality products and materials from China.

Once fully welded, the bins are galvanised and made ready for the final touches, which includes powder coating.

For me, it's the quality of the workmanship that differentiates Taylor from other container manufacturers. We have competitor bins coming through our refurbishment department from time to time and there is simply no comparison, the difference jumps out at you.

By the end of the day, with each member of the team having made around five bins an hour, it's time to finish off, prepare for the next day and leave the factory. Even then, there's no escaping our bins, as you see them everywhere – although I have to admit that it's still nice to see our work out in the field and I know that the rest of the team is as proud as I am.



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