

# Egbert Taylor

## **BIN BRIEF**

### **UPDATES AND RECYCLING NEWS FROM BEST OF BRITISH MANUFACTURER, EGBERT TAYLOR**

After what's been a pretty wet summer, the sun is finally out. And, just as the weather continues to heat up, so too is activity at our factory as local authorities begin to get everything ready as the nation moves towards a less restrictive period.

On that point, I'd like to take the opportunity to say 'thank you' to our customers for their continued support over the last 16 months, and to our production team for their tireless efforts during what has been an extremely challenging period.

However, nothing lasts forever and we appear (at the time of writing) to be moving in the right direction.

So, in the spirit of positivity, here's a brief update on how we've been helping our customers over recent weeks - and don't forget to share your waste and recycling successes with me at [mark.jenkins@egberttaylor.com](mailto:mark.jenkins@egberttaylor.com).

#### **MARK JENKINS**

SALES DIRECTOR AT EGBERT TAYLOR



#### **TAYLOR UNVEILS UNIBIN**

After a busy 12 months developing and designing new products to meet the challenges local authorities currently face, one of which is making waste disposal as inclusive and accessible as possible, the R&D team has launched the Unibin (short for universal bin). The new unit, which has been designed to make it easier for wheelchair users to operate, includes a large aperture at the front to enable waste to be deposited without needing to lift the lid. The new product is currently on trial with Falkirk Council.



#### **STREET-SMART UPGRADE FOR HUNTINGDONSHIRE**

Huntingdonshire District Council has taken steps to make its waste collection budget work harder after converting 360 of its traditional 110 litre litterbins into smart bins using our latest fill sensor technology. Executive Councillor for Operations and Environment, Councillor Marge Beutell, said: "With the addition of these new sensors it enables our teams to be more efficient on collection days, knowing exactly where they need to be, and which bins require emptying. It allows us to provide a greater service for residents as we can adjust our focus accordingly and have a greater and more targeted impact with our efforts."

## MAKE IT A DOUBLE

Interest in Taylor's Duobin, a split container solution that helps councils collect two separate waste streams within the footprint of a single Taylor 1100L container, is expected to increase if new updates to the Environment Bill, which aims to standardise waste collection UK-wide, are passed through Parliament. The Duobin is ideal for councils with restricted floor space but who need to source segregate. So, with segregated food waste collections on the horizon, expect to see more from our dynamic Duobin.



## IN THE PINK



Calls for kerbside waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) to become mandatory are increasing in frequency – so what can we expect in the next 12 months? Whilst research carried out by Material Focus and published 8 July suggests it could cost up to £21.2 million to extend kerbside collections to WEEE, Environment Agency figures from March also that revealed a 9 per cent decrease in collection rates compared to 2019, suggesting that there is gap that needs to be filled. Of course, Taylor's WEEE bin can help fill it. A bit like our Duobin, we expect to see more of our pink unit across the UK as pressure to better manage WEEE collection continues to build.

## ON THE HUSH AT RUSHCLIFFE

Our dBin has been making noise across Rushcliffe Borough Council – but not the noise you might think. Taylor's sound deadening bin, which reduces noise associated with glass recycling by 22 decibels, has been so popular with the council since they launched the bin with us back in 2012, that they've ordered another 50 units. It appears Brighton & Hove City Council residents also seem to enjoy the peace and quiet, following the council's decision to purchase 12 units to help reduce glass noise in public areas.



# TINKER, TAYLOR, SOLDIER, PLANNER

A day in the life of... Iain Smith, Production Planner at Egbert Taylor

**I'd say the team at Egbert Taylor are morning people, as the majority of us are on site and raring to go early doors.**

I'll typically start my day at 7.30am, although early mornings are now ingrained having spent six years as an Assault Soldier.

After serving in Afghanistan in 2009, and as someone whose responsibility it was to build defences and sweep for improvised explosive devices, you're constantly on high alert. Admittedly, the shift from metal tanks to metal containers isn't really comparable. However, as they say, 'the early bird catches the worm'.

As Production Planner, I act as the linking bridge between sales and delivery. Using enterprise resource planning software, I effectively stitch together what's been promised to customers from our sales team with what our production team can achieve, making sure that each and every one of our customers is always happy with the Egbert Taylor experience. It can be like a bit of a jigsaw, but I love it and enjoy ensuring that the business operates as efficiently as possible.



This is my second role at Egbert Taylor. In 2017, I went to Dubai to set up an Egbert Taylor facility over there. I spent 18 months out there, travelling across Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman as Egbert Taylor's ambassador. It was a great experience, although coming back to the UK was almost as daunting as returning from Afghanistan. The change was huge. The standard of service in the Middle East, for example, is much better than the UK – and let's not even start on the weather. Still, home's home and it's good to be back.

After all the jobs have been allocated to the team I tend to spend time analysing the previous day's activity, always trying to find ways in which we can improve. By the end of the day, I'm ready for home. Or, if I'm feeling energetic, jumping on the mountain bike and heading into the Wyre Forest for a pedal.

As warm and bright as the Middle East is, it hasn't got the natural green beauty of some of England's finest countryside, which I'm grateful to be able to enjoy.

**Looking for a quality waste solution?**

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