

Welsh composting business gets thumbs up from Assembly as new facility is unveiled

Who's involved?

Bryn Compost Ltd, Welsh Assembly Government, Merthyr Tydfil CBC, Torfean CBC and the **Wales Environment Trust**.

Background.

Bryn Compost Ltd is a privately owned business based at Gelliargwellt Farm, Gelligaer, Nelson. Based on a large dairy farm, and set up as a farm diversification business in 2005, Bryn Compost offers an in-vessel composting service to local authorities and food waste producers, offering an alternative to landfill. Its location close to the A470, A465 and M4 allows good access to South East Wales.

The in-vessel facility at Bryn Compost Ltd is one of three Regional Demonstration Facilities being developed in Wales as part of an 'joint' initiative with Welsh Assembly Government, European Union and **The Wales Environment Trust**.

The Wales Environment Trust additionally has the role of project development from concept to completion of the research and development.

This project provides an example of joint private/ public sector investment in providing environmental infrastructure necessary for Wales to achieve its waste diversion targets. The project is based on the construction on a 20,000 tonnes per annum in-vessel composting plant designed to compost a range of biodegradable wastes including kitchen wastes collected from households.

Working with the Trust.

The Wales Environment Trust has had a direct influence on green waste composting on the site and this has enabled the business to evolve into a multi-functional recycling operation, a major asset to help Wales achieve its recycling and composting targets.

The Minister announced during the opening of the new facility (7th Sept 2006) that figures show that every local authority in Wales has met strict Assembly limits on the amount of compostable waste they are allowed to send to landfill sites.

Carwyn Jones said: *"Today's figures are good news and prove that Wales is rising to the challenge of better waste management. There are still challenges ahead, though, and we must continue to cut down on the amount of rubbish we throw away which could be recycled, reused or composted."*

Achievements

- New Company Bryn Compost Ltd was established to lead a composting project involving the Welsh Assembly Government, Merthyr Tydfil CBC and Torfean CBC
- With the help of the **Wales Environment Trust** successful funding applications amounting to over **£730,000 in external grants** to build the 20,000 tonne in-vessel facility to compost food and catering waste.
- The Trust involvement with Bryn Quarry has resulted in the **creation of 6 new jobs** and the **safeguarding of a further 10**.
- Together with the Trust, the business has **achieved BSI PAS 100 accreditation for compost**.

"As we celebrate our opening, I'd like to extend our thanks to Wales Environment Trust for all its advice and its support in helping us secure the grant that got us here today. Alan Price, Director. Bryn Quarry.

Fig 1.



Wales Environment Trust signage at the entrance to Bryn Quarry.

Fig 2.



20,000 in-vessel compost facility at Bryn Quarry during construction.

Fig 3.



From left – right. Alun Price, Director Bryn Quarry. Carwyn Jones AM, Minister for the Environment, Planning and Countryside. Paul Roberts, Compost coordinator Wales Environment Trust discuss the benefits of composting at the facility launch day.

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