



Portsmouth Recycling Centre redevelopment

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The Portsmouth Recycling Centre was officially re-opened and renamed on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Cllr Cheryl Buggy, after a £750,000 re-development.

The site, previously known as the Paulsgrove Household Waste Recycling Centre, was built on the existing landfill site in the 1970s. Subsidence and general deterioration of the site meant the site was in need of major redevelopments, including rebuilding all of the bin bays in a more robust concrete construction and driving over 120 concrete piles through 1970s landfill onto solid rock strata 10m below.

The centre now has 10 more parking spaces, taking the total to 25, and 14 bays available for unloading rubbish and recycling into, plus a new container where residents can recycle used cooking oil.

Visitors will be greeted by brighter, green, signage and winners from a recycled art competition, Victory and Westover Primary, will also see a permanent home for their pieces of recycled art, and will both collect a £400 prize, sponsored by Hopkins Recycling Limited who manage the recycling centre on behalf of Portsmouth City Council.

Cllr Eleanor Scott, cabinet member for environment said: "Over 75% of materials which come to the facility end up being recycled. With the addition of more recycling bays and the new cooking oil facility this can only increase. The redevelopment also means reduced queuing times as trucks will can come and go without interfering with traffic."

The developments also help reduce carbon emissions due to the reduced queues with less idle vehicles

The cooking oil container, sponsored by Southern Water, will reduce the volume of fat, oil and grease being poured down drains and blocking them.

The second-hand store is promoted throughout the site encouraging residents to not throw away items which can be resold and reused. Income from these sales helps reduce the running costs of the site.

Also available on site to purchase is Pro Grow, an environmentally sustainable soil condition made from the garden waste collected at the site. The redeveloped recycling centre was fully re-opened in May 2011.

The main improvements to the centre include:

- More parking spaces and better bin servicing arrangements, which means reduced queuing times
- More bins and better signage to make recycling even easier
- Better security

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