

This is the sixth issue of RE:ACT, Veolia Environmental Services newsletter with details on the next phase of works at the recycling and waste facilities throughout East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. The newsletter also features updates on other activities happening throughout the area.

Veolia Environmental Services, on behalf of East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council, provides an integrated waste management service designed to manage the area's household waste more sustainably.

## Newhaven Energy Recovery Facility – Taking Shape

The new energy recovery facility is progressing according to plan and will provide enough energy to power 25,000 homes.

The main building is now at its full height and is being clad and this will continue through to spring. From March, along with the administration block, the buildings from the outside will look complete. The main works in 2011 will be the internal fitting out of the process plant, administration offices and ancillary equipment. The main commissioning works will take place summer 2011.

### Newhaven in the Community

Since construction started, Veolia have been getting to know various groups, schools and charities in Newhaven. Veolia have been involved in a number of events sponsoring the famous Fish Festival and the Summer Fair in Newhaven which takes place every year in June and the Christmas Market in December. Also Veolia have been delighted to give donations from water butts to football shirts to various youth groups.

### Searchlight Residential Care Home

As part of Veolia's Corporate Social Responsibility there is a scheme in place which allows each member of staff to spend time helping a good cause during a working day. One such project is Searchlight Residential Care home in Newhaven which provides care for adults with physical and/or learning disabilities in their Day Care Centre. Veolia helped provide a splash of colour as staff turned up for work armed with paint brushes and rollers instead of the usual tools they use to protect the environment to brighten up one of the rooms.

A week later staff were busy hanging nets, helping residents making colourful fish and displays with all the wonderful nautical treasures donated by local fishermen and Newhaven Port as Searchlight wanted a new nautical theme for the main day centre room.



Mayor Cllr Graham Amy who was the special guest for the unveiling said 'It is really inspiring to see so many people pulling together to help this worthwhile and very local charity and for everyone to have such a great time in the process.'

### Finding out more

Regular North Quay Bulletins on progress are produced and available to view on the Veolia website which you can subscribe to. A Construction Liaison Group meets regularly to discuss the project with members made up of local stakeholders – the aim is to provide a good neighbour liaison. If you have any queries about the development works please contact Veolia via website: [www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.co.uk/southdowns/pages/erf.asp](http://www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.co.uk/southdowns/pages/erf.asp) in the enquiry section or call: **08453 550550**

# What a knock out

**A local boxing club keen to pack a punch asked Veolia Environmental Services for funding to replace their worn out gloves.**

Veolia donated £500 for gloves and other equipment to ensure the club can perform at its best and help them achieve that knock out punch, as they regularly compete in shows all over the country. This season they are entering into local shows and ABA championships.

Veolia staff came down to try them on for size and try their hand in the ring. Some friendly sparring took place with more Batman than Bruno moves it must be said. 'It was a fun afternoon and a great way to

stay fit' says Jeannette Buckle from Veolia and she continued 'Veolia are pleased to have been able to support such a great club, where young people can come to train, keep fit and learn new skills.'

Hillcrest Amateur Boxing Club was founded in 2005 and is based at the Hillcrest Centre in Newhaven. The club has already an impressive 60 members with two full sized rings and various other punch bags and equipment for members to use. It is affiliated with the ABA of

England and holds all relevant insurances. New members are welcome with sessions starting at just £2.50. The club takes boys and girls from ages 10 upwards. There are junior, senior and ladies leagues.

Visit [www.hillcrestabc.com](http://www.hillcrestabc.com) to find out more. 'We are delighted to have received the gloves and equipment and look forward to future success at the up and coming championships' says Dave Selby, Chairman of the Hillcrest Amateur Boxing Club.



*John-Paul Pingram and Steve Rowe in the ring trying them out for size.*

## **Veolia South Downs raise thousands 'Wearing it Pink' again!**

**Employees of Veolia South Downs wasted no time in once again getting fully behind Breast Cancer Campaign's 'Wear it Pink' initiative at the end of October and raised just over £4,000 this year with the VES Group raising a staggering £19,000 in total.**

Everyone from operatives to office staff, threw themselves into fundraising activities by donning all things pink, including hats, wigs and t-shirts. Pink fancy dress themed events held across South Downs included site and contract managers dressing as Pink Ladies for the day, all in aid of the cancer charity.

Veolia has been supporting Breast Cancer Campaign's 'Wear it Pink' event since 2007 and in 2009 the company raised more than double compared to 2008.

The partnership with Breast Cancer Care forms part of the company's commitment to playing an active role in the local communities in which it operates, this also includes giving all employees half a day to volunteer for a local charity.



## **Waste buddies help Kids to get Waste Wise**

**Children in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove can now find out about waste and all sorts of materials that end up in the bin that could be recycled, thanks to Veolia Environmental Services new Education Outreach Pack.**

The aim is to get kids thinking about where things need to go to be recycled or reused instead of throwing them away. With the real challenge being how to Reduce your waste, the 'lets go shopping' game shows kids how to buy things with less packaging. Getting kids Waste Wise helps us all recycle and of course they will be our recyclers of the future! Anyone interested in a school talk can leave their details on the information section of the website:

[www.veolia.co.uk/southdowns](http://www.veolia.co.uk/southdowns)



# Veolia gives community centre a garden makeover!



Back in July, a team of ten Veolia Environmental Services volunteers helped transform the garden of the South Portslade Community Centre as part of a community partnership between the centre's management team and neighbouring recycling and waste contractors, Veolia Environmental Services.

Staff got stuck in to some hard work on the Community Centre's overgrown garden, by digging, weeding, clearing plants and trees and cutting back hedges – converting it into an area that will be easy to maintain in the future.

As much as possible of the garden waste was taken to Hove Household Waste Recycling Site, from where it was delivered to Veolia's new Enclosed Composting Facility in Whitesmith, where it will be turned into

compost and donated back to the Community Centre by Veolia Environmental Services. The work was done in collaboration with the Business Community Partnership.

It was Veolia Environmental Services' fifth team challenge to date, arranged through the Brighton & Hove Business Community Partnership's "Employee Volunteering" scheme. Previously, Veolia has undertaken other challenges, for charities, Off the Fence, Hove YMCA and Belgrave Day Centre.

## Woodlands Composting Facility producing soil conditioner!

The Woodlands Enclosed Composting Facility in Whitesmith produces 10mm and 25mm grades of soil conditioner for use by gardeners, horticulturists and organic growers alike.

This excellent PAS100 and Organic Farmers and Growers AfOR scheme certified product has been produced from green garden waste delivered to the facility via local Household Waste Recycling Sites and some East Sussex District and Borough Council kerbside collection schemes; ensuring more waste is transformed into a resource.



Branded as Pro-Grow this organic soil conditioner is available for sale by the tonne on request and in 30 litre bags at all Household Waste Recycling Sites. To order please call 08453 550 550.

# Newhaven community centre improvements get off the starting grid

An exciting project to expand and improve play facilities offered by Denton Island Community Centre, got approval from the Veolia Environmental Trust which awarded the project a contributory grant of £33,530 through the Landfill Communities Fund.

The project entailed replacing the very popular but old go-kart track in the garden with a brand new one. Now it has a new shape and modern look and topped with 'Play top' surfacing, which is porous, child friendly and non-slip. Children aged 2-5 years can now

practice their grand prix racing skills on pedal tricycles. Play-top has also been laid on the decking overlooking the building's garden, providing another safe play area. Previously the decking could not be used in wet weather as it became slippery.



# PRIZE WINNERS FUN DAY WITH MAGIC OF RECYCLING

**Veolia Environmental Services, masters of recycling, took part in the Brighton Science Festival and showed Kids what and how they can recycle with the help of a recycling machine.**

Kids young and old poured plastic, metal and paper in and turned the handle to find out about the sciencey magic of recycling. Veolia's recycling facility in Hollingdean, Brighton uses the full scale version to help turn our waste back into useful stuff.

The recycling challenge – to sort a basket of everyday stuff into – paper, cans and plastic bottles, and non recyclables was in high demand. Winners were the best recyclers and the fastest times with an amazing 17 and 18 seconds and were Megan and Lucy which each received a Veolia goodie bag.

This event at Hove Park Upper School is part of the Brighton Science Festival which is held every year in February across Brighton.



Up to the challenge: Recycling Champions Megan and Lucy recorded the two fastest times. Now that's magic!

## Hollingdean MRF community open day!

**Have you ever wondered what happens to your paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and tin cans after you've put them into your recycling bin and your local council has collected them?**

Would you like to see an important part of the recycling process in action? 50 residents had their curiosity satisfied when they joined us at the state-of-the-art MRF on Hollingdean Lane in Brighton.

The Hollingdean MRF is a sorting factory, which sorts and bales the recyclable items that are put into kerbside recycling bins in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove, so that

they can be sent on to re-processors and made into new things. The MRF, which opened in September 2009, has the capacity to sort up to 60,000 tonnes per year of household recyclables.

The open day which will now run on an annual basis was a great chance for the people of Brighton to find out what happens to their recyclables. We welcomed lots of local residents and businesses into our facility; and talked to them about why the MRF is so important for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove and how it is helping make the county a greener, more sustainable place to live and work.



# Zero Food Waste Recipes!

New to Re:Act from now on we will be sharing recipes that help you to reduce the amount of food that gets thrown away. This recipe uses up all the leftovers from a roast dinner, so why not try it out this weekend?

## Leftovers Shepherd's Pie



### Method

1. Mince the leftover meat in a mincer.
2. Chop the leftover carrots and other vegetables into chunks.
3. Chop the onion and fry in a little oil until it has softened.
4. Remove the onions from the heat and add the vegetables, meat and Worcestershire sauce. Mix together.

### Ingredients

#### Leftovers from a Sunday roast:

- Lamb, beef or other roast meat
  - Carrots
  - Green beans or other leftover vegetables
  - Potatoes, mashed, or roasted and roughly chopped
  - Leftover gravy
- Additional ingredients:
- An onion
  - 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

5. Put the mixture in an ovenproof dish, then pour over the gravy. Layer the potatoes on top. Fluff the potatoes with a fork.
  6. Bake in the oven at 200°C (400°F or gas mark 6) for 25-30 minutes, or until the potatoes are browned.
- Enjoy!

**This is a great recipe for using up bananas which have gone soft or past their best. You can serve it warm or cold, plain or toasted with butter, but allow to cool completely before storing in an airtight container.**

## Banana & Walnut Bread



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F, gas mark 4). Butter a 1kg or 2lb loaf tin, or use 12 large muffin cases.
2. Cream the butter and sugar until smooth and then whisk in the mashed bananas.
3. Add the eggs, vanilla, cinnamon and a pinch of salt and whisk well.
4. Sieve in the flour and baking powder, then beat until smooth.

### Ingredients

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| 125g butter              | A pinch of salt                       |
| 180g dark brown sugar    | 250g plain flour                      |
| 4 medium bananas, mashed | 1 tsp baking powder                   |
| 2 eggs, beaten           | $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp bicarbonate of soda |
| 1 tsp vanilla essence    | 3 tbsp warm milk                      |
| 1 tsp ground cinnamon    | 125g walnuts                          |

5. Mix the bicarbonate of soda into the milk and stir into the batter.
6. Toss the walnuts in a little flour before adding them to the mixture (this will prevent them from sinking).
7. Pour the mixture into a tin and bake for about 50 minutes, until the bread is crusty on top and a skewer poked into the middle comes out clean.
8. Cool in the tin and then turn out onto a cooling rack.

**Offers currently available from councils will vary. Please enquire only from the council which serves the area you live in.**



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