



Charlotte Porter of Mind and Veolia's Allan Key congratulate Kevin Hussey on his big win.

Big raffle win for lucky local!

Lady luck was recently shining down on Veolia Environmental Services' employee, Kevin Hussey when he became the winner of the top prize in a raffle held in aid of Mind, the leading mental health charity in England and Wales.

Kevin who works at the Veolia Hollingdean Materials Recovery Facility in Brighton, was presented with a cheque for £4,000 by Charlotte Porter from Mind and Allan Key General Manager from Veolia Environmental Services South Downs.

When asked about winning the top prize, Kevin said: "It hasn't really sunk in yet, but I have been able to buy my son a very special 16th birthday present."

The win couldn't have come at a better time for me, and I'm looking forward to planning a nice holiday with my family next year."

Veolia took part in the raffle as part of its charity partnership with Mind which will see them aim to raise £100,000 for the charity by the end of the year. Raffle tickets were sold at Veolia sites and offices across the country. Total ticket sales from the raffle raised more than £40,000 for Mind, which will be used to help the charity to continue to provide support and information for the one in four people who experience a mental health problem in any year.

Mind – Veolia's charity of the year

Mind, the leading mental health charity in England and Wales is campaigning for a great cause which is why they have been chosen as Veolia's company charity of the year for 2011.

This partnership forms part of Veolia's 'Go further together' plan as it will help make a positive impact in the communities where we work and live. It is a sad fact that one in four people in the UK will experience a mental health problem in any one year, so the possibility of it affecting someone you know is high. We hope to raise £100,000 for Mind during 2011. This money will help them deliver their vision of a society that promotes and protects good mental health for all, and treats people with experience of mental distress fairly, positively and with respect.

Our current fundraising to date sits at around the £50k mark. With many fundraising activities and events planned for the remainder of 2011 we hope to be able to reach our target of £100,000 by 2012.



For better mental health

Traffic reduction is welcome news for Newhaven

The Day Group employed by Veolia to transport and recycle the non hazardous bottom ash waste from the ERF has been granted planning permission to develop and use an existing rail siding adjacent to the ERF site. The waste will be removed from the site by rail and will reduce the number of articulated vehicle movements by approximately 3,000 per annum.

The ash will then be processed - metals will be recovered for recycling before the residual ash is graded and used in the construction industry as an aggregate substitute.

This use of a rail head will also create two new full time jobs in Newhaven in addition to the 31 full time jobs already created by the ERF. Transportation by rail is expected to start this autumn/winter.

The decision ensures that Newhaven will become what is believed to be the only ERF in the UK to utilise rail transportation.

Energy Recovery Facilities have significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions than landfill. Transportation by rail will assist in Veolia's aim of further reducing the carbon footprint of the facility at Newhaven.

Most of the vehicles using the facility are municipal waste collection vehicles collecting waste from homes and communal bins in local streets within the area of Lewes District Council.

The remaining waste from homes in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove arrive in specially designed vehicles capable of carrying as much as three times the weight of a normal refuse vehicle. This ensures the number of vehicles travelling to Newhaven is kept to a minimum.



Hollingdean Materials Recovery Facility Community Liaison Group

The Hollingdean Facility Community Liaison Group has been established to enable residents to speak directly to the people involved in managing and operating the Hollingdean Waste Management Facility. Our aim is to work with local residents and businesses to discuss activities on site and points of concern to ensure all our activities in your area cause the minimum amount of disturbance.

It meets locally every six to eight weeks and we welcome all new members. If you would like to join the group please email Kayleigh.mates@veolia.co.uk or phone 01273 544 205.

If you are not currently a member but would like to come along, please contact us so we can accommodate everybody.



Newhaven youngsters awarded £1,500!

The NCDA Newhaven Young People's Forum successfully received a grant of £1,500. The money was raised through a scheme at the Energy Recovery Facility's construction site at Newhaven. A target of 500,000 hours on site with no reportable accidents was achieved. Main contractors Hochtief, and Hitachi Zosen Innova, along with Veolia Environmental Services agreed to donate £500 each to an appropriate charity. Members of the Construction Liaison Group, which includes local residents and organisations, agreed the Young Peoples Forum was an ideal choice.

The forum, comprising of 19 young people aged 11 to 19 years whom represent a "voice for young people" has been established for almost three years.

Late last year their volunteer work was recognised by ESCVYS (East Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Services) at an awards ceremony where they were presented with a framed certificate and featured in the Sussex Express.

Five members of the forum, Alice Halsey, Charlotte Everitt, Treyton Curl, Richard and Hannah Baldwin put together a project plan to hold a fun and challenging youth event. They volunteered their time to prepare and implement a presentation to a panel of judges which included Jeannette Buckle from Veolia, Sid Sharpe from Hochtief, Kevin Shenton from Hitachi Zosen Innova, Newhaven cllr Graham Amy and Rebecca Burgess, Communications manager for ESCVYS.

The team made a nerve wracking pitch to the panel and answered lots of questions posed by the judges. Kay Watts, NCDA Youth Development Worker said: "This is a great opportunity for young people to come together and have fun, develop and learn new skills."

The Forum with the support from the NCDA Youth team organised at a skate park competition with prizes. This event took place on 2 September at Fort Road recreation ground.