



Green Business Network

# Environmental Support for Businesses in Kirklees



The Green Business Network (GBN) offers a range of free services to help businesses in Kirklees reduce their impact on the environment.

**We offer all Kirklees businesses impartial, confidential advice and hands-on support as well as the following services:**

- Environmental Audits
- Environmental Toolkits
- Environmental Management Systems
- Carbon Footprinting Service
- Environmental databases
- Events and news

**Read on to find out more about our services.**

*“The GBN has been an extremely valuable source of support and information for us. Environmental audits, carbon footprint analysis and contact details of recyclers are just some of the support we have received which has improved our green policy and saved us money”.*

**Ernie Cadamarteri,  
Skopos Design, Dewsbury**

*“I’d like to thank the GBN in helping us review our Environmental Action Plan. They reassured us that we were moving in the right direction and provided some very good practical advice which we were able to incorporate. The suggestions will help us to be more environmentally sustainable and save money too.”*

**Maia Daguerre - Central Support Services  
Manager, National Day Nurseries  
Association, Huddersfield.**



## Environmental Audits

Our free environmental audits review all aspects of your business's impact on the environment and are tailored to suit your company.

The audit identifies the key issues affecting your business and provides a prioritised action plan to help your company deliver long-term efficiency savings and make more effective use of natural resources.

*"I found the Green Business Network audit extremely helpful in making suggestions for energy and waste savings that we hadn't spotted. The resources that supported the visit such as lists of local recyclers and information on improvement grants were also extremely useful."*

**Chayley Collis - Environment Policy Coordinator, Green Building Store, Huddersfield.**

## Environmental Toolkits

Easy to follow and sector specific, toolkits provide helpful tips and advice on how to make easy changes to reduce the environmental impact of your business.

At present, we have toolkits available for care homes, office based businesses and the manufacturing, retail and hospitality sectors.

Each toolkit provides:

- suggestions on pollution prevention, reducing energy costs, waste management, water use and transport
- advice on sustainable purchasing and environmental training
- details of current environmental legislation
- funding opportunities
- details of local recyclers
- contacts for further help and advice.

## Environmental Management System

The GBN has launched a network for Kirklees businesses wishing to implement an Environmental Management System (EMS).

The Kirklees EMS group meets quarterly to encourage sharing of best practice and provides free support and guidance to achieve an accredited EMS.

We can also guide you through the implementation process with one to one advice and access to systems and templates.





## Carbon Footprinting Service

Calculating your carbon footprint is useful for your business and shows your stakeholders and customers that you are committed to becoming more environmental friendly.

It's also a useful way of benchmarking your environmental performance. It allows you to analyse your carbon outputs in detail and gives you a starting point to help measure improvements.

## Environmental databases

From paper, cardboard, metal and glass, right through to oil, batteries, chemicals and rubber, the GBN has a comprehensive database of local recyclers for these materials and many more. If you have a waste material that you would like to recycle, we can provide you with a list of local recyclers who can help.

Using green products and services in your business is a great way to help the environment and it can also save you money too. We've been busy developing databases of local companies who supply environmental products and services to businesses in the area.

These include services such as pollution prevention, renewable energy technologies, green building products, lighting and energy management. So, if you're looking for a green alternative to an existing product or service please get in touch and we'll try to point you in the right direction.

***"The GBN gave advice on so much more than an initial environmental audit, they also gave us advice on waste cardboard and plastics recycling - even letting us know what grants were available and where we could get them. We didn't get a lecture on how bad we were but were given practical, commercial advice that is saving us money."***

**Paul Sykes, Shaw's Petroleum,  
Farnley Tyas, Huddersfield.**

## Events and news

We keep up to date on all aspects of environmental legislation and we keep business informed of any relevant changes that may affect them through our website and in our quarterly newsletter. We also host events for local businesses on environmental best practice. These events are always well attended and cover issues such as waste minimisation, pollution prevention and carbon reduction.

## Case study: Local company reduces waste and energy costs by 8% with the help of the GBN.

**Extract Technology is a leading UK based supplier of containment and aseptic applications in the pharmaceutical, biotech and chemical markets. The head office and manufacturing centre is in Huddersfield.**

Extract Technology had already begun taking steps to reduce their environmental impact by recycling paper and cardboard waste as well as some wood waste. Concerned by rising energy and waste disposal costs, the general manager, Alan Wainwright, contacted the GBN for some additional help and advice.

GBN's Environmental Business Advisor visited the company to see what support could be offered. Following an initial discussion with Alan to get some background information on how the site ran and his main concerns, the business advisor toured the building, talking through options and possibilities for reducing energy consumption and waste production in different areas of the site.

The tour showed that there were additional waste streams that could be recycled as well as highlighting new ways for the company to reduce their energy costs, particularly by introducing new lighting, lighting sensors and reducing compressed air running costs by eliminating leaks. Advice was also given on how to use heating more efficiently to reduce the environmental impact of the business and save money.

Alan Wainwright said:

*“Following the audit from the GBN, a full report was generated, identifying areas of improvement. The report now forms the basis of our action plan for continued improvement in waste reduction and energy cost savings.*

*We envisage savings of around 8% in the first year.”*



Call us on 01422 316661 or email [gbn@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:gbn@kirklees.gov.uk) for free confidential advice.

## Get in touch

If you would like more information on the Environmental Business Support offered by the GBN, please call 01422 316661 or email [gbn@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:gbn@kirklees.gov.uk)

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*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your knowledge and expertise. You gave us guidance and pointed us in the right direction. All our policies are now in place, we now recycle 98% of our waste and are looking to achieve ISO 14001 sometime this year."*

Karyn Jones – Health and Safety Officer,  
Dortech Architectural Systems Ltd, Huddersfield.

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