



Plastic Recycling Scheme

The plastic recycling scheme is gaining pace with examples of feedback as follows:

Chelmsford Borough Council "From using Agriplass we hope to make a nett annual saving of approximately of £2k as well as sending considerably less plastic to landfill"

South West Middlesex Crematorium "From our savings we have funded a part-time job for a special needs person and made a further saving of £3000"

Mortlake Crematorium "We are working with "The Garden Gang" at Richmond, a centre for people with learning difficulties. We simply put all tributes into containers and the Gang collect on a weekly basis, take to their depot and break down the tributes. Agriplass then collects the plastic directly. We pay our waste disposal budget to the Gang as they do all of the work and this will ensure that they are not closed due to cuts. Once they get it right with us they might offer the service to neighbouring cemeteries. If everyone in the area recycles tributes the price should come down for us all. At the moment we are just not spending any more than we did previously, but plastic is not going to landfill and people are gaining employment"

Edinburgh Crematorium Ltd have been using Agriplass for the last 10 months for the collection of our plastic waste. They are easy to deal with and they run a very efficient service. It is not been a major inconvenience to separate the plastic out from the rest of the floral tributes, and it has lead to a reduction in the frequency of skip uplifts. In summary, using Agriplass has been a simple and cost effective way of reducing the amount of waste that we send to landfill".

Milford Haven Town Council 'We are able to recycle more plastics than are accepted by the County Council and it has been a great benefit to us, enabling us to cut down on trade waste'.

Cardiff Cemetery & Crematorium 'We save around £240 per calendar month on Skips and having got rid of 2 x 1100 ltr wheelie bins. We spend in the region of £75 per calendar month with Agriplas. This gives a net saving of £165 per month or £1980 per year as well as helping the environment'.

To get on-board with the scheme and make some savings / create jobs / save the environment

this is what you will need to do:

- Separate green material from tributes and recycle this through your authority's own scheme or compost and re-use on site.
- Remove oasis and dispose of via traditional waste stream (If you can compress oasis to drive out the water you can reduce its volume to one tenth. Reducing this volume will mean fewer skips and hence provide significant cost savings for your authority/company).
- Store plastic trays and containers on site for collection in cubic metre bags provided by the **scheme operator Agriplass**.

As there is little re-sale value in plastic the scheme will not cover the cost of collection therefore a charge will apply. However, the more authorities that join the scheme – the greater the savings on waste disposal costs through economy of scale. **The environmental benefit of the scheme is its primary purpose together with reduced waste disposal costs for scheme members.**

Those wishing to join the scheme should contact:

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