



RDF/SRF Production starts at Ridham MRF

Ahead of landfill tax reaching £80 per tonne in April 2014, Countrystyle has made further significant investment in its drive to achieve zero to landfill. Commissioning of a new MacPresse III Baler at Countrystyle's Ridham MRF, together with TFS notifications in place for WID compliant incinerators in Germany and Holland, will see Countrystyle exporting baled refuse derived fuel (RDF) and solid recovered fuel (SRF) from the beginning of December.

The MacPresse III Baler is designed for the processing of RDF and SRF and most other recyclables. The MacPresse operates a continuous baling process where material is constantly fed into the loading hopper.

Chris Howard, MD elect for Countrystyle said "This is a key investment for the Group to deliver resource solutions to our customers and to manage our own disposal costs." Chris added "the baling and wrapping operation makes our Ridham MRF a major facility for the processing and manufacture of resources to complement our organics treatment, plasterboard recycling and clean and dirty wood processing operations already carried out at Ridham".



Countrystyle winner at Wood Recyclers' Awards

Countrystyle Recycling was named the winner of the Team of the Year Award at the National Wood Recyclers' Awards 2013, the only awards dedicated specifically to excellence within the wood recycling industry.



As well as winning the Team of the Year Award, Countrystyle Recycling was also shortlisted for Quality Product of the Year.

Trevor Heathcote, Chairman of Countrystyle Group, said "We are very proud to have won this award and to be recognised by our peers as investing in our people. Countrystyle delivers professional, top notch services in a niche market and it is great to have our efforts recognised in this way."

Taking place on Wednesday, 20 November at Coombe Abbey in Warwickshire, the Wood Recyclers' Association Conference and Awards recognise development and achievement within the wood recycling industry. The 'Team of the Year' award was given in recognition of an exceptional day to day approach to delivering a high standard of service, production and finished product on site.

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Bucks Biowaste Contract Mobilised

Following the recent Bucks Biowaste Treatment win for Countrystyle earlier in the year, the green and food waste transfer station at High Heavens near High Wycombe is now fully operational.

In addition to the Biowaste Contract, Bucks County Council have requested that Countrystyle provide additional services to assist in the decommissioning of the High Heavens IVC over the period to be completed by the end of of 2013.

Chris Howard, MD elect for Countrystyle “this is a very exciting opportunity for us and allows us to demonstrate our ability to provide bespoke solutions to our local authority customers and to work with them to solve problems as and when they arise”.



Countrystyle Invests in New Wood Screener



Countrystyle has invested further in its waste wood processing operations carried out at our facilities at Ridham Sea Terminals, through the acquisition of a new McCloskey R155 High Energy Screener. The R155 provides a tough, robust screening tool designed to cope with the heaviest applications.

Jamie Houston, Countrystyle Recycling's Operations Director says “Since starting to use the McCloskey R155 we have seen a significant improvement in the quality of our end product and reduction in the volume of fines created”.

Countrystyle renews contract with Chatham Dockside Outlet

Countrystyle has been awarded a further three year waste management contract with Chatham Dockside Outlet. The Dockside Outlet sits by the waters edge in a Grade II listed Victorian building offering shoppers amazing bargains from high street brands.

The contract which started in June sees Countrystyle working alongside the outlet and its staff to provide



collection and recycling services for their general, cardboard and wood waste streams.

Countrystyle extends work with the National Trust

Countrystyle has strengthened its relationship with the National Trust by securing the waste and recycling collection contract at Sissinghurst Castle.



Sissinghurst is one of the National Trust's most visited gardens, situated within the walls of an Elizabethan Manor House and the home of the world famous garden created by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicholson.

This adds to the existing waste management services provided by Countrystyle to the National Trust at its other Kent properties at Chartwell, Scotney Castle Gardens, Small Hythe Place and the Devils Punch Bowl.



Countrystyle champions local green initiatives in Kent

Countrystyle are pleased to announce that chairman, Trevor Heathcote, has been appointed as an Honorary Patron of the KM Charity Team.

The charity works in partnership with Kent County Council and Medway Council to support 200 primary schools with green travel schemes including the Walking Bus, Walk on Wednesday (WOW) and

Active Bug. Last academic year, the initiative removed 218,000 school run car journeys from Kent roads and earned the charity and county a national Green Apple environment award.

Simon Dolby, Chief executive of the KM Charity Team, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Countrystyle has agreed to support our work. Trevor and his company play a big part in diverting waste from landfill in Kent and in driving innovative ways to increase recycling. This is excellent news for our charity and its work in the county."

RWM Exhibition 2013

This years RWM in partnership with CIWM was a great success for all those attending. Taking place at the NEC in Birmingham the RWM Exhibition proved to be a busy and rewarding three days.

We would like to thank everyone that came to visit our stand and we look forward to seeing you next year on stand **4L10-M11** on 23rd - 25th September 2014 again at the NEC.



Fun day Raises Money for Kent Air Ambulance

The annual FGS Agri, FGS Plant and Countrystyle Group Summer Fun Day raised an impressive £1155.13 for the Kent Air Ambulance.

Over 600 employees and their families enjoyed plenty of sunshine, food and refreshments at the Fun Day held at Stanford Bridge Farm in Pluckley.



Countrystyle Scores with Local Football Clubs



Countrystyle have recently sponsored matches at both Gillingham Football Club and Ebbsfleet United where all the waste needs of both clubs are handled by Countrystyle.

Staff and guests enjoyed exciting matches with the opportunity to meet with the teams.

We would like to wish both teams luck for the rest of the season.

An update from our associate companies



FGS Agri shortlisted for award

The annual Farmers Weekly Awards saw FGS Agri shortlisted for Contractor of the Year 2013. Thanks to the hard work of the team at FGS Agri the company were

nominated and shortlisted, becoming one of the 3 finalists in the contracting category.

Keep your business safe with FGS this winter

As the temperatures plummet to sub zero depths FGS Agri are on hand once again with their winter gritting and snow clearance service. Their bespoke service is tailored to the needs of commercial, industrial and personal premises across the South East. FGS Agri monitor local weather conditions, notifying clients of potential risks in their area, gritting each site or clearing away any snow before clients, staff or customers arrive. They also have grit containers and 25kg bags of white grit salt available.



For more information visit www.fgsgritting.co.uk or call 0808 178 7655.



Building better soils

The use of recycled Gypsum is becoming more widespread throughout the UK with the reduction of atmospheric deposits of Sulphur onto UK agricultural land. Sulphur has become one of the main limiting factors to crop yield, limiting the uptake and utilisation of Nitrogen. Recycled Gypsum not only supplies a valuable source of Sulphur and Magnesium but also has major soil conditioning benefits.



For more information visit www.fgsorganics.co.uk or call 01233 820055



New Fleet

FGS Plant are pleased to announce that they have recently increased their fleet of tracked Excavators with 5 tonne and 8 tonne Volvo's. To accompany these in the fleet they have also purchased 8 tonne Hyundai's.

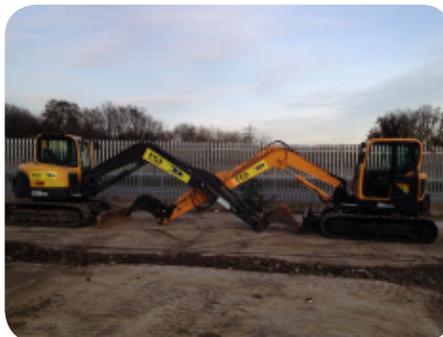
Not only have they increased their fleet, they are now fully equipped to help with those dark

winter evenings with their fleet of tower lights.

FGS Plant Welcomes

FGS Plant welcomes Grant Dalton as their Sales Manager to the team. Grant has fitted in extremely well with the team and looks forward to the challenges he faces in the new year.

For any more information on the above or any of their other services they provide please call their expert team on 01622 713930 or alternatively visit www.fgsplant.co.uk



Countrystyle welcomes... Nick Hamblin, Finance Director



What was your first job?

I was 14 when became a swimming teacher at my local leisure centre

What aspect of your job do you enjoy the most?

The variety, being able to work with lots of different people

What book did you last read?

Pitt Cue Co, the cookbook

What is your favourite pastime?

When ever I get chance I like to spend a day out sailing

If you weren't in waste, what would you want to be?

A chef on TV

Where would you most like to visit in the world?

Vietnam - great food and the area has not been over developed

If you were to have lunch with anyone living or dead who would it be?

George Best

All of us here at Countrystyle would like to thank you for your continued custom and support throughout the year and look forward to working with you in 2014.



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Customer Survey

We would like to thank everyone who completed our recent customer survey. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Rosemary Weller from Weller Associates in Sittingbourne on winning the prize draw, we hope you enjoy the pantomime at the Marlow Theatre.