

L&TA Office Furniture

Diverts thousands of tonnes of furniture from landfill

CO2Sense provided Commercial furniture retailer L&TA Group with £30,000 to purchase a new shredder. This has increased the recycling capacity of the plant by 1,400 tonnes.



L&TA collects used furniture from offices across Yorkshire and Humber for redistribution to charities, new businesses and schools. Collected furniture that is of a re-usable standard is sold, and all furniture that is not suitable for re-use is recycled.

As its business grew, L&TA identified the need for in-house recycling equipment to help it increase the amount of materials it could recycle from older non re-usable furniture. CO2Sense stepped in to help, providing £30,000 that led to the company's investment in a shredder.

The new shredder is used to break down unusable furniture into components for recycling; metal goes to a local metal recycler and woodchip is sold on to be used as biomass fuel.

All plastic and textile components go to designated recycling and re-use companies. L&TA is now saving over £18,000 per annum on waste management costs by diverting this waste from landfill.

Recycling/Waste Prevention & Reuse

- An extra 1,400 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill
- L&TA saves £18,000 on annual waste management costs
- Reduced CO2 emissions – L&TA will save 2,000 tonnes in carbon equivalent emissions over the next three years, equating to taking 700 cars off the road
- Helps customers to cut waste management costs
- Helps customers to reduce their carbon footprint

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Terry Askew, founder of L&TA said: “I was frustrated with the amount of good quality furniture that larger organisations were sending to landfill. Removal costs can be equal to purchasing furniture brand new, so L&TA was set up to provide businesses with an economical and environmentally friendly solution to furniture disposal.

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“The shredder helps us to provide a more effective service to businesses that have a lower standard of furniture to dispose of.

It means we no longer have to send these items to landfill. The re-use and recycling scheme also provides a truly green option for business start-ups or those who need to replace old office furniture.”

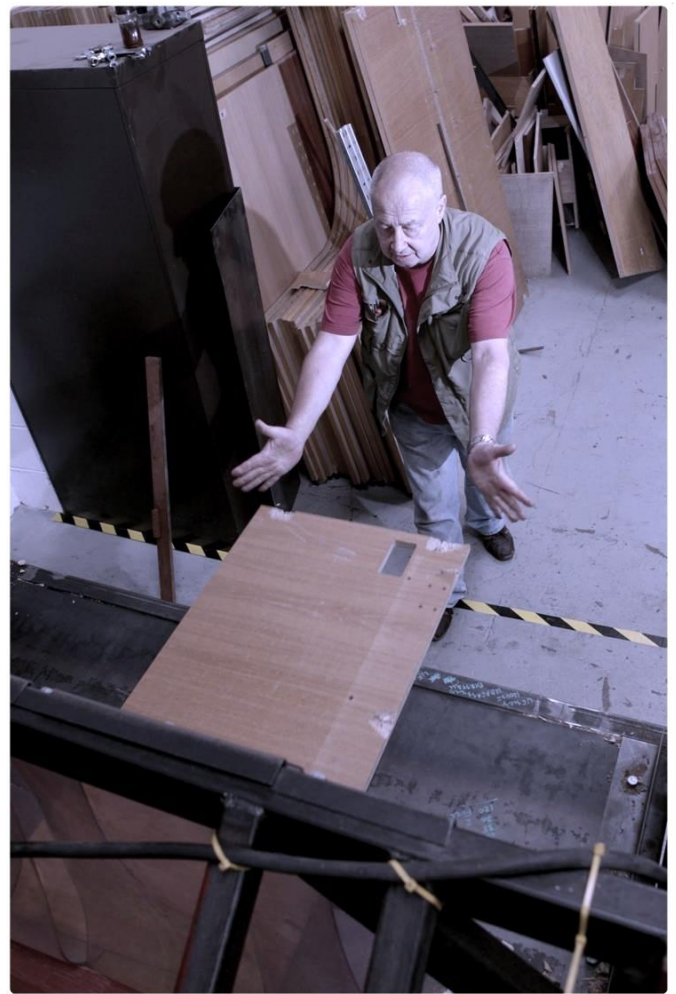
Ingunn Vallumroed, wood project manager at CO2Sense said: “L&TA is providing a great service to businesses and charities. Its re-use and recycling scheme is very successful and has already helped to divert thousands of tonnes of waste from landfill by providing high quality furniture to those that would struggle to buy brand new items.

L&TA’s initiative is a great example of how resource efficiency measures can boost income and save businesses money.”

Businesses can save up to 80 per cent on the cost of sending furniture to landfill by opting to re-use and recycle. Companies that use L&TA for office clearances are presented with a certificate stating where the furniture has gone, the weight that has been recovered and the environmental savings that the company has made by not sending the furniture to landfill.

Askew added: “We all have a moral duty to re-use and recycle furniture. L&TA is confident that it can divert a further 4,000 tonnes of furniture from landfill over the next three years. Furniture re-use and recycling can help businesses to cut their costs and carbon footprint. For every desk that is re-used, it means that a new one does not have to be made.”

L&TA has recycled furniture for organisations large and small who see furniture recycling as contributing to the fight against climate change. Customers include the NHS in Leeds and Sheffield as well as Europe-wide solicitors Irwin Mitchell. Organisations interested in furniture re-use and recycling can contact L&TA on 0114 242 5511.



CO2Sense was established by Yorkshire Forward to help businesses in the region to prosper in the low carbon economy. We provide expertise and funding to help environmental companies to grow. We work with partners to help all organisations to fund and develop initiatives that reduce their carbon emissions.