

# Why Waste - Sheffield Chamber of Commerce

Why Waste is a free online waste exchange for businesses in Yorkshire and Humber, funded by CO2Sense.



Why Waste matches up organisations that have waste with others that can recycle or reduce this waste for little or no cost.

This helps companies to manage their waste streams, reduce costs, reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill, and ultimately reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> being emitted.

To date, Why Waste has helped 226 companies and organisations dispose of their waste, and diverted 10,000 tonnes from landfill.

## Sheffield Chamber of Commerce

One of the organisations Why Waste has helped is Sheffield Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber was clearing out a large office and had over 2 tonnes of office furniture and equipment that was no longer needed. The Chamber had gathered quotes to have it removed, when they were advised to advertise the furniture on Why Waste.

They had an almost instant response once the items were put on the Why Waste site. After several offers, they gave the majority of furniture to BTCV Sheffield, a conservation charity working in the Sheffield area.

## Waste Prevention & Reuse

- Sheffield Chamber of Commerce saved £700 in waste disposal costs
- Diverted 2.2 tonnes of furniture from landfill
- BTCV, a charity that helps young people, got free office equipment

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The furniture is now being used in BTCV offices. The only item BTCV couldn't take, a photocopier, was taken free of charge by SR Recycling.

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**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.**