

In partnership with



Working together to

- ✓ save resources
- ✓ change lives

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Community Wood Recycling is a network of social enterprises collecting and reusing waste wood in the most environmentally beneficial way while creating jobs and training for disadvantaged people.

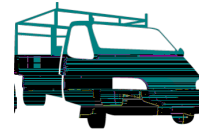
Our service is based on the principles of the circular economy; by saving wood we are building a more sustainable society. We promote community reuse, one of the most powerful tools available to fight waste.

This labour-intensive activity provides a wide range of disadvantaged people - including those recovering from substance abuse or from mental health issues, people with learning difficulties and ex-offenders - with a way to build their confidence and self-esteem. They are able to learn new skills, helping them to overcome barriers to finding employment.

Impact estimates are calculated based on the volume of wood collected and the total network social outcomes during the year of collection.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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238.7 tonnes rescued from the waste stream



119.0 tonnes saved

With Community Wood Recycling, EVERYTHING we collect is reused or recycled - nothing is returned to the waste stream.

Reusing wood is 10x more efficient than harvesting, milling, and transporting virgin wood.

Even our collection methodology saves carbon! Our 3.5 tonne collection trucks use less than half the fuel of a skip lorry, greatly reducing CO₂ emissions, pollution, and the impact on the road.

With every tonne of wood we collect from your site, we are creating work and training opportunities for disadvantaged people - CHANGING LIVES for the better.



2.4 paid jobs created



7.3 people trained



26.4 tonnes reuse



39.3 tonnes firewood



173.0 tonnes recycled

12% was pushed up the waste hierarchy into REUSE; used by the community for DIY/ building projects, or made into a whole range of beautiful products from bird boxes to dining tables.

16% was processed into FIREWOOD and KINDLING for local homes and businesses, helping to displace fossil fuels, reduce carbon emissions, and create paid work.

72% was sent for RECYCLING into woodchip, used in the manufacture of particleboard, animal bedding, or as carbon neutral fuel in power stations.