

A look inside our waste transfer station

transcript

Introduction

PRESENTER Lisa Collas - Welcome to the Cheshire East Environmental Hub here in Middlewich. This is a purpose-built state of the art facility. We get a lot of requests for visits but sometimes due to health and safety reasons, this isn't always possible. So here is the next best thing, a video explain what we do here.

The hub aims to end the landfill disposal of black-bin waste in the Borough as well as providing a site for Ansa Environmental Services to manage waste collection and recycling, parks maintenance and street cleansing services for the Council. There is also a fleet workshop, which doubles up as a MOT testing bay. Additionally Ansa offers a range of training on site, such as CPC and First Aid.

The site is also home to Transport Services Solutions who manage passenger transport.

SITE STATS

The environmental hub enables the Council to increase its recycling, attain targets in waste collection and at the same time have wider economic benefits. Our aim is to be a good neighbour and we host and attend many community events.

TRANSFER STATION FOOTAGE - The waste transfer stations are needed to transfer recycling and waste to processing and disposal plants outside the Borough.

Did you know that our borough has a recycling rate of 55% thanks to you? There is a still lot more to do to make this figure even better. We also empty around 13 million bins every year, 13 million!!

The Council has also invested £1m into constructing a state-of-the-art air treatment system, which ensures that the impact of odour from the site is kept to a minimum.

Charlie Griffies – so our crews go out, they collect the waste through the refuse vehicles that collect the wheelie bins. It returns to site. It goes through a process of weighing, enters the building that's behind me. The building is quite sophisticated although it's just a simple box.

It accepts the waste by tipping, we bulk it, it's then put through a shredding process and it is then collected by larger vehicles which take it away to an energy from waste plant.

We have automatic doors on the building which prevent the doors from staying open too long. The building is kept under a negative pressure which means its constantly sucking air into the building. That air is then put through a carbon filter which takes any impurities out of the air which might create an odour.

Lisa Collas - We are already one of the top recycling authorities in the county and by working together; we will continue to reduce black bin waste.