

New Green Waste Machines benefit Calderdale parks and improve recycling targets

Calderdale Council's Parks and Street Scene Section has recently increased its recycling capacity with the purchase of new green waste recycling equipment, including an Eco Green Shredder, an Eco Green Screener and a 150 hp Ford Tractor.

Mark Dempsey (Support Services Manager for the Council) explains that *"Global warming is the biggest issue confronting the world today and recycling of any form can only be encouraged. Environmental and cost pressures mean that we have to move from landfill disposal to recycle and reuse"*.



With the equipment in place the Parks and Street Section hopes to increase the amount of municipal street cleaning waste that will be recycled up to 50%.

The Council's recycling project has been in place since November 2005, and following a 'Recycling in Action' grant awarded in 2006, there have been numerous green waste and compost related initiatives. These have included the successful 'Big Heap' events, Black Gold compost giveaways, a civic trust award for environmental innovation, using compost as a turf top dressing soil improver. Links have been created with schools and the community who have been involved with using the compost to establish native wildflower areas within the parks of Calderdale whilst also increasing awareness of recycling and improving biodiversity within the urban parks.



Municipal street waste prior to processing



Community involvement with compost initiatives



Establishment of native wildflower areas in parks

As stated by Mr Dempsey "The benefits of obtaining the equipment now enable the Section to improve green recycling targets, comply with environmental legislation, and improve public perception and awareness of the benefits of compost and the reduction of municipal street waste being sent to landfill."