ERP UK has worked with its local authority partners in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Gwynedd, Hertfordshire, Rutland, Scottish Borders and St Edmundsbury to introduce WEEE bring banks for the collection of small domestic appliances (SDA). These containers are jointly branded and strategically placed to capture additional WEEE.

Please read on for more info on some of the local authority partners that ERP has worked with to introduce bring banks.

Aberdeen City

In May 2013, Aberdeen City Council and ERP UK installed two new recycling banks in the car parks of two major supermarkets in the city. The new banks make it even easier for local residents to recycle their SDA. The new service was launched in St.Nicholas Square on Friday 3rd May. Residents were able to see one of the new bins, and the Waste Aware team and ERP were on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Photo: Norman Adams-Aberdeen City Council
Dumfries & Galloway Council’s WEEE Recycling Campaign

With ERP’s support and matched funding, Dumfries & Galloway Council secured funding from the WEEE Local Authority Project Fund for a WEEE recycling campaign. The council gave free WEEE recycling bags to residents for storing and then carrying SDA to recycling centres and banks, rather than throwing it in the residual bin. The money also funded two new SDA recycling banks in Langholm and Annan, providing in-town recycling facilities for those residents who cannot travel to the recycling centres in the area. Since April 2012, over 1.9 tonnes of WEEE has been collected for recycling in the two SDA recycling banks.

Gwynedd Council

In Gwynedd, eight WEEE banks have been introduced and two local social enterprises — Seren Ffestiniog cyf and Antur Waunfawr — collect the WEEE and transport it to a designated collection facility. Seren Ffestiniog cyf was created to support people with learning disabilities and provide a service for the community, primarily through recycling. Antur Waunfawr is a leading social enterprise that also provides employment and training opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

Between April 2012 and March 2013, over 2.4 tonnes of WEEE for recycling was collected from the banks that the companies monitor. And, due to the success of the service, a further three banks will be introduced shortly.

Hertfordshire County Council

To increase the amount of WEEE that is collected for recycling – and to make it easier for residents to recycle their small electrical appliances – ERP UK and Hertfordshire County Council installed two small WEEE collection banks in Radlett and Croxley Green. To date, over 0.480 tonnes of WEEE has been collected from the banks since they were first introduced in 2012.