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An update from our Managing Director

Dear member,

After a significant period of lockdown here in the UK, we are seeing some restrictions lifted.

For example, the essential infrastructure to manage waste from UK households includes the Household Waste Recycling Centres from which ERP collect thousand of tonnes of WEEE and waste batteries every month on behalf of our members. Almost all sites closed in April but have now reopened and the weekly collection volumes are slowly recovering.

We owe a THANK YOU to all those working in these sites as well as at waste collectors and waste re-processors.

Whilst we are looking forward to returning to our offices, the safety of our colleagues, customers and their families are a matter of priority – so ERP expect to continue to work mainly from our home offices for some time yet.

Of course, we have strived to maintain high standards of service delivery, offering additional support to our customers and I have been impressed and encouraged by the way colleagues here and around the wider Landbell Group have adapted to working successfully through the challenging situation.



As many businesses can attest to, during this time there has been an even greater need for innovation and adaptability.

At ERP, our member event looking ahead to changes in Extended Producer Responsibility regimes in the UK was moved to a [webinar](#) and joined by over 60 people.

Our popular member workshops are usually delivered through a one day face to face session accommodating up to 20 people. However, we recently held our Q2 WEEE and Batteries workshop online for 30 members and as a result of the positive feedback from attendees, we will be reviewing the format of some of our quarterly workshops, to offer online options in future.

Similarly we are seeking to further streamline our reporting and document signing processes to continue our mission of simplifying compliance for our customers.

Member News

Member workshops

Last week ERP delivered our Q2 WEEE & Batteries workshop as a webinar. If you were unable to attend, you can access this webinar [here](#).

We will continue to monitor UK Government advice and will provide updates on the format of our Q3 and Q4 workshops.

To book your place, please email the Compliance Team at ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org

We endeavour to ensure our workshops are conveniently located for all of our members.

With this in mind, we would appreciate your help in choosing the **Q3 WEEE and Batteries workshop location** for 2020.



Follow the link to submit your suggestion:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/63ZHR76>

Q3 2020

16/09/2020 – **Packaging Workshop**, Barley Mow Centre, Chiswick, W4 4PH

7/10/2019 - **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**, [Please vote for the Q3 workshop location*](#)

Q4 2021

07/01/2021 - **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**, Lutterworth, Midlands, LE17 4XN



Member News

EPR changes in the UK

Although several years away from implementation, discussions and policy development are currently underway for WEEE, Batteries and Packaging. These changes were the main focus of [ERP's member webinar in April](#).

Recently, ERP UK Managing Director, John Redmayne was also featured in [Landbell Group's latest newsletter](#), discussing the proposed amendments to extended producer responsibility legislation in the UK .

Please find a snippet of and a link to, John's full interview below.



Q. What are the proposed changes to the UK's extended producer responsibility (EPR) system and what is the timeline for implementation?

A. The overall timetable for changes is set out in the Resources and Waste Strategy published at the end of 2018. This identifies 2023 for a new packaging EPR regime to become operational. Dates for review of other EPR regulations are also included: WEEE in 2019; batteries in 2020; packaging essential requirements by the end of 2020; and end-of-life vehicles in 2021. However, in light of the pressures of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems likely that some of these target dates will change.

[Continue reading](#)



Member News

Packaging producers receive an extension

The agencies have released a [Regulatory Position Statement \(RPS\)](#) to help packaging producers who have been impacted by COVID-19. **This extension only applies to producers who are able to evidence the impact of COVID-19.**

According to the RPS, late registration and resubmission fees as well as enforcement action, will not apply to producers who were not able to register by the legal deadline or those who provided inaccurate/incomplete data due to COVID-19. Those packaging producers should register or resubmit their data as soon as possible, or by **July 7 2020** the latest. If this applies to you, please contact your account manager to discuss.

N.B. ERP UK must work to an earlier deadline in order to prepare our submissions to the agencies.



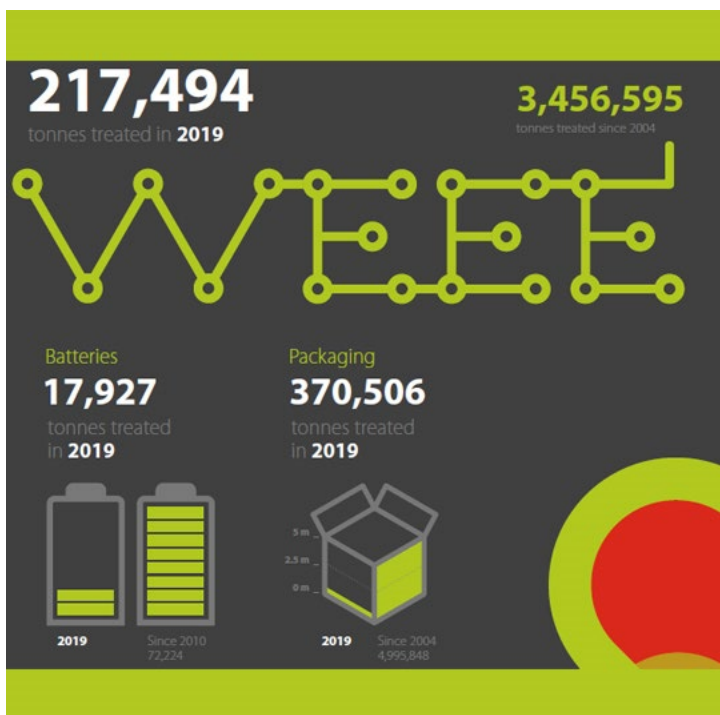
Landbell Group's annual performance report

Landbell Group has published its first [annual performance report](#), highlighting the key achievements of its teams in 2019.

The report shines a light on all of the group's activities and explains the uniqueness of its experience and approach.

As **Jan Patrick Schulz, Landbell Group CEO**, explains in his introduction: *"We want to be there for our customers on all continents, as their sole provider for all their environmental and chemical compliance needs. The activities in this report demonstrate how we are engineering circular economy, enabling our customers to increase the environmental and economic potential of their business."*

Link: [annual performance report](#)



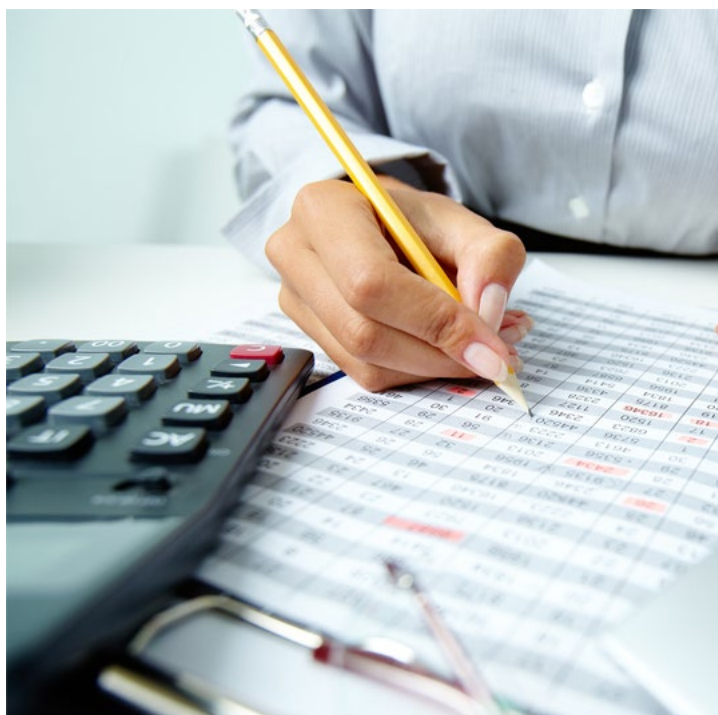
Member News

Data services: audits and reviews

At this time of year the Data Service Team concentrate on two main activities: maintaining our packaging database and reviewing our client's business activities in preparation for the next data round.

This quarter, your account manager may request a little more of your time if you are selected for a scheme audit, a data review, or if some targeted and specific data collections are required for your account.

If you have any queries or would like to update us on your company's current situation regarding COVID-19, please contact your account manager.



Reporting solutions for sustainability initiatives

Our Data Service Team can provide assistance with bespoke calculation and reporting on behalf of clients for the **UK Plastic Pact**, **OPRL** and the **Courtauld Commitment**.

If you are, or would like to become a member of any of the above sustainability initiatives and would like help with the calculations, please contact either your **account manager** or a member of our **Sales Team** to discuss our data services and their benefits.

Link: [Sales team](#)

Member News

2020 Green Alley Award postponed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Green Alley Award team have made the decision to postpone this year's award. The application phase will start again on **Sept 8** and the Grand Finale will now take place on **Apr 22 2021**.

"We have taken this decision in the interest of everybody's safety, but we also appreciate that this is a testing time for startups. Please see the article below which outlines some of the support measures that governments across Europe have put in place to help startups."

Link: [European COVID-19 support for startups](#)

Please also visit the Green Alley Award website for the latest news.



Substance of Concern in Products (SCIP) database

Changes to the **European Union Waste Framework Directive** have introduced a new requirement for companies manufacturing products that contain hazardous substances and that produce, sell, or import into the EU.

To aid in the recycling, repurposing, reuse and proper disposal of end-of-life products, companies will need to provide data on all parts that contain **Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs)** to the **Substances of Concern in Products (SCIP)** database by **Oct 2020**.

Landbell Group can manage this obligation on your behalf. For more details please contact our colleagues at H2 compliance - info@h2compliance.com.

Member News

Meet the ERP team: Richard

This quarter we introduce our Business Development Manager, Richard.

Q: How long have you been with ERP UK?

A: Since January 2017, when I came across following the acquisition of DHL's compliance and data services business. I had previously been with DHL for nearly 13 years.

Q: Tell me about your experience before joining the ERP team.

A: I became involved with Producer Responsibility legislation right at the outset in 1998, while looking after Waste and Recycling for the Co-operative Group.

At the time, we had food and non-food divisions and had to quickly work out how to comply with this complex new Packaging Waste legislation, whilst having over 100,000 product lines.

It was a very steep learning curve as you can imagine, and we decided to outsource the data collection and calculation side to Foresite Systems and their Packtrak solution, which is now part of ERP!

From there, I spent 4 years as an auditor/compliance officer for a leading packaging scheme, where I became an expert on the regulations and data in particular, before joining DHL as a Business Development Manager.



Q: What motivates you in your role?

A: Obviously, I have a sales position, so my role has a focus on growing the business and that does motivate me.

However, I'm very much motivated by our customers' satisfaction - making their lives easier and improving their understanding of the environmental legislation so that they see the value in having ERP UK as their compliance partner.

I am also motivated by the reactions we get from all stakeholders we work with, both internally and externally.

Link: [meet the ERP team: Richard interview cont'd](#)

Industry News

PRN market update

As expected, there is uncertainty in the PRN market as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. UK collections of packaging waste have been reduced due to the lockdown and there is a decrease in demand for recycled material from both the UK and export markets. Nonetheless, with lockdown measures now easing, there is a reasonable expectation of an increase in the collection and recycling of packaging waste.

Paper, plastic and aluminium – these are highly dependent on the export markets and we expect a decrease in the supply of PRNs in these materials during Q2, which will result in increased PRN prices. For paper and plastic, the UK is also still having to adjust to the tighter quality requirements put in place by export markets, such as China.

Steel - PRN prices for steel have increased due to a reduction in the price of ferrous scrap in export markets.



PRN market update cont'd

Glass – although glass PRN prices were fairly stable in Q1, an increase is being seen during Q2 due to the UK collections being reduced during lockdown.

Wood – this material has also seen an increase in PRN prices due to the closure of household waste recycling centres. Whilst recycling centres have started to reopen, there is still expected to be reduced activity due to social distancing measures.

We ask our packaging scheme members to keep reviewing our quarterly PRN market updates which will provide more details ahead of invoicing.



Industry News

Recycle Your Electricals campaign

In May, **Material Change**, formerly known as the WEEE Fund launched a UK-wide, 3 year communications campaign – “Recycle Your Electricals”.

The campaign was launched to encourage householders to reuse or recycle their old electricals and is currently encouraging people to store their electronics until they can be safely collected and recycled.

On the [Recycle Your Electricals](#) website, householders can find a great deal of information on what small electricals can be recycled, the benefits of reuse and recycling, in addition to a recycling point locator.



Eco-modulation in the WEEE system

Earlier this month, we contacted our WEEE members about a workshop held by Defra to discuss the possibility of including eco-modulation in the WEEE Regulations when they are revised. This is seen as a way to promote eco-design and is one of the requirements of the Waste Framework Directive.

We encouraged our members to respond to the questions posed by Defra on the proposed policy changes before **the June 19** deadline – thank you to all who responded.

Further updates will be communicated when they become available.

Link: [summary of the workshop proceedings](#).



Industry News

Distributor Take Back Scheme (DTS)

ERP contacted several of our WEEE members likely to be affected by the changes to Distributor Take-back Scheme (DTS) to understand what support they may require. If you think your company will be affected by these changes or have any further questions, please contact your account manager.

Summary of changes to the DTS

- The DTS allows retailers to meet their distributor obligations by funding WEEE collection facilities at household waste recycling centres, as an alternative to providing in store take-back of WEEE.
- The newest phase of the DTS runs from Jan 1 2020 - Dec 31 2021.



Summary of changes to the DTS cont'd

- Larger retailers with physical stores will only be able to use the DTS until the end of 2020. After that, these retailers will have to provide free in-store take-back of WEEE, on a like-for-like and on a one-for-one basis.
- Retailers with at least (1) physical store site in the UK selling above £100k of electrical products will have to provide take-back from Jan 1 2021.
- Retailers above the threshold who have mix of online and physical sales will have the option to join the DTS until the end of 2020. Thereafter they will have to provide in-store take-back.
- Retailers with at least (1) physical store site in the UK selling below £100k of electrical products may retain DTS membership and therefore not have to offer in-store take-back until the end of 2021.
- Retailers who sell only online will have the option to join the DTS until the end of 2021.

Industry News

Further update on POPs

The Environment Agency has published [updated guidance](#) on the treatment of WEEE following research carried out by ICER. The [research report](#) is also now available.

Most household WEEE must now be classified as Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) waste with some exceptions:

- Fridges
- Large Domestic Appliances (white goods only such as; washing machines, tumble dryers and dishwashers)
- LED, halogen and incandescent lightbulbs and lamps (that do not contain hazardous components).



Further update on POPs cont'd

WEEE often has components such as printed circuit boards, plastic casings, cables, cathode ray tubes, capacitors and nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd) batteries that contain hazardous substances and/or POPs.

If a WEEE item contains levels of hazardous substances or POPs that are over a certain amount, it must be classified as hazardous or POPs waste. Any WEEE that is likely to contain POPs cannot be reused and materials containing POPs cannot be recycled.

This guidance formally establishes the measures introduced in 2019 and applies to all organisations collecting, reusing or processing WEEE or materials from WEEE processing.

ERP have been involved in the Industry Resolver Group on this issue seeking to ensure the requirements are appropriate and applied across the industry.

Industry News - Customer Spotlight

Logitech pledges carbon impact transparency

In an effort to reduce its environmental impact and to facilitate greater transparency for customers, Logitech International has announced its plans to feature the carbon impact of its products on their packaging and its website.

“Logitech will be the first consumer electronics company to provide detailed carbon impact labelling on product packaging across the entire portfolio.”

Link: [Logitech pledges carbon impact transparency](#)



Iceland cuts 2,500 tonnes of food waste

Iceland supermarket has partnered with charity The Bread and Butter Thing and social enterprise Community Shop to donate the equivalent of **nearly 375,000 meals** in surplus food to some of the most deprived communities across the UK, saving 2,500 tonnes of food waste in 2 years.

The retailer has also announced that surplus food will be given to staff at the close of each day. Commenting on their progress to date, **Iceland's Managing Director, Richard Walker** says, “I’m looking forward to seeing this in action across our stores and working with colleagues to take the next steps in our food waste reduction journey.”

Link: [Iceland cuts 2,500 tonnes of food waste](#)

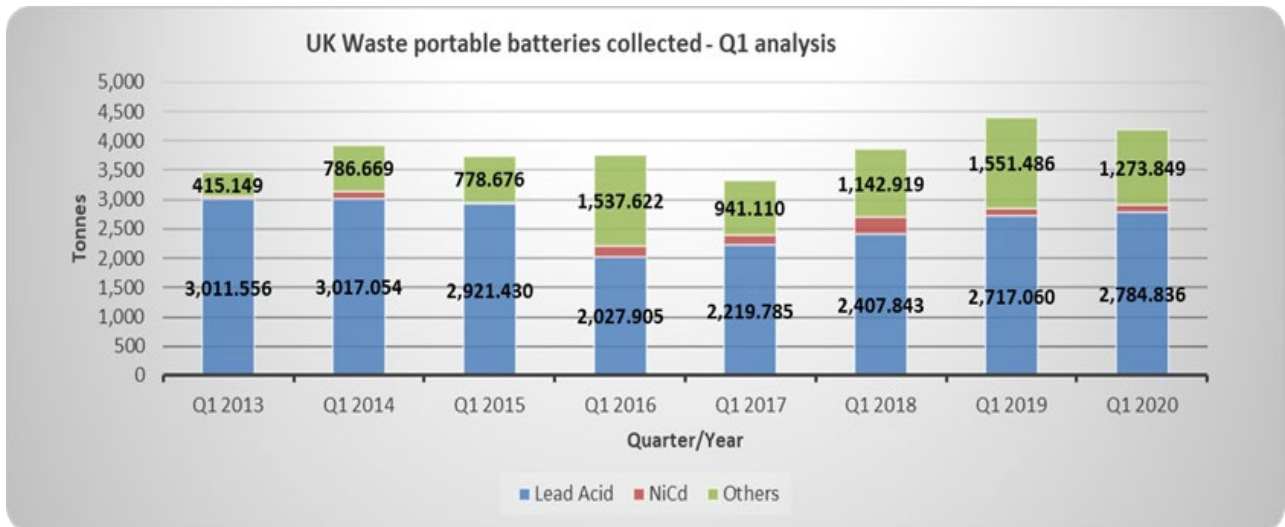
Compliance Data

Batteries: UK government data analysis

Q1 2020 battery data from the Environment Agency shows an overall decrease of 5% in the amount of batteries collected during Q1 2020 compared to Q1 2019.

Two-thirds of the waste portable batteries collected during Q1 2020 were lead acid which is disproportionate to the amount of lead acid portable batteries placed on the market (about 4%).

Based on the Q1 2020 data, the UK is currently sitting at 12% towards the 45% target for 2020.



Compliance Data

Packaging: UK government data analysis

Last month, the Q1 2020 recycling data was published by the Environment Agency and the figures were encouraging.

Compared to Q1 2019, the UK's achievement towards the 2020 requirements is similar (a total of 28% in Q1 2019 and 29% in Q1 2020). Looking at the amount of recycling for Q1 2020, most materials have increased compared to Q1 2019, especially aluminium at 51% and plastic at 19%. Conversely, paper has decreased by 7% when comparing to the same period.

The positive data for Q1 will be most welcome, as the Q2 recycling data is expected to show a decline during the main period of COVID-19 restrictions. Additionally, there are some changes expected to the 2020 obligations due to late registrations and data resubmissions, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This makes it more difficult to compare the UK's recycling performance against UK obligations.

Material	2020 UK Obligations (tonnes)	Q1 2020 Recycling	Achievement in Q1 towards 2020 requirements
Paper	2,855,807	884,425	31%
Glass	1,727,949	438,094	25%
Aluminium	119,240	36,250	30%
Steel	349,406	106,577	31%
Plastic	1,036,378	297,947	29%
Wood	461,991	153,546	33%
Recovery	576,666	156,191	27%

Compliance Data

WEEE: UK government data analysis

Earlier this month, the Environment Agency published the Q1 2020 recycling data. Overall, there has been a slight increase when comparing the amount of WEEE collected in Q1 2020 to Q1 2019.

The most significant change was in Large Domestic Appliances which increased by 24%. This is believed to be a result of householders recycling their old electricals prior to lockdown and the subsequent need to clear the household waste recycling centres before they were closed.

It should be remembered that the 2020 WEEE targets were reduced by Defra compared to their initial proposals in response to representations from ERP, producers and others, about the anticipated impact of COVID-19 on collections.

When comparing the Q1 2020 WEEE collected data against the 2020 targets, most categories were on track and Large Domestic Appliances and Display Equipment are ahead of target.

However, the Q2 2020 data will be published in September, and this data will include the months that COVID-19 has impacted closures of household waste recycling centres and general collections so we anticipate a very different picture.

UK Waste Stream	Q1 2020 UK WEEE collected	2020 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets
Large Domestic Appliances	58,268	185,354	31%
Cooling Equipment	32,485	134,200	24%
Display Equipment	10,841	39,495	27%
Small Mixed WEEE (cat 2-10)	31,837	133,699	24%
Lamps	1,118	4,553	25%
Photovoltaics	61	87	70%
Total	134,610	497,388	27%

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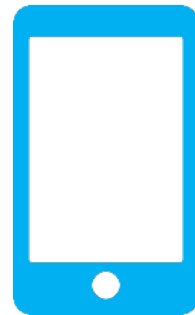
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