



Incorporating:

Alan's Skip Hire Ltd

Alan's Skip Hire (Wales) Ltd

Alan's Skip Hire (North West) Ltd

ASH Resource Management Ltd

ASH Waste Services Ltd



Environmental Policy Statement 2009 / 10

Alan's Skip Hire Ltd (ASH) has been operating in the field of waste management and recycling since 1993. Our waste transfers and materials recovery facilities at Chester, Wrexham and Ellesmere Port, boast state-of-the-art materials recovery facilities. We are committed to materials recovery, recycling and/or re-using of as much material as possible from the wastes that we handle. We reduce to a minimum the amount of waste sent for disposal at landfill. We recognise the impacts that the management of wastes can have upon the environment. We are hence committed to operate all of our facilities in handling waste in an environmentally responsible manner.

OUR POLICY is to provide a comprehensive and professional waste management service, maximising waste recycling and recovery. In handling all wastes we ensure that cradle to grave documentation is completed to demonstrate compliance with the Duty of Care for both our customers and ourselves. We carry out the waste handling process using the best available techniques to minimise our impact upon the environment. This policy applies throughout our waste collection and processing operations. The Managing Director, Neil Hassall, is responsible for policy implementation through our Operations Managers. All ASH employees have a responsibility to ensure that the aims and objectives of this policy are met.

We will achieve our targets by:

- Providing a wide range of different waste receptacles, delivered and collected using an extensive fleet of modern, well-maintained and reliable vehicles.
- Using a computerised tracking system on all vehicles, managed by well-trained operatives to effectively route all collections and deliveries.
- Operating state-of-the-art materials recovery facilities in which all wastes can be sorted and graded by a variety of processes to ensure the maximum possible recovery of materials suitable for re-use or recycling.
- Ensuring that all required paperwork, such as transfer notes are completed accurately and that all facilities used for the re-use, recycling or disposal of wastes have the necessary permits or exemptions for the material that we handle.
- Using where possible, local waste re-use, recycling, reprocessing or disposal facilities to minimise our use of fossil fuels and associated carbon emissions.
- Collecting roof waters for use on site and reusing waste water for appropriate activities.
- Achieving full compliance with the requirements of all environmental permits associated with our operations.
- Ensuring that all staff are suitably trained and have the necessary resources available to enable them to achieve our aims and objectives.
- Setting appropriate objectives and targets and ensuring that our progress towards these targets is suitably monitored and audited.

Objectives:

During 2009 and 2010 we aim to:

- 1 Continue to measure the amount of fossil fuel used per mile travelled by our vehicles and identify further measures by which it can be reduced.
- 2 Continue to invest in our materials recovery facilities to expand the range of wastes that can be processed and reused.
- 3 Continue to maintain compliance with the requirements of our waste management licences and permits in line with our 2008 inspection record.

Targets:

To achieve our aims, we have set ourselves the following targets:

- 1 Compare the figures and consumption rates for road vehicles gathered during 2007 / 2008 to demonstrate the environmental benefits of the use of improved vehicle routing enabled by the use of our live vehicle tracking system. Further reduce our fuel consumption per vehicle per year by over our previously achieved target (5.2% reduction in 2008).
- 2 Increasing our waste recovery rates from 62% at the start of 2008 to 74% by the end of 2008 was achieved consistently through September to December. This will be monitored through the first 6 months of 2009 with a view to further increase our recovery to 80% by the end of the 2009 financial year.
- 3 Ensure that every inspection at each of our facilities by Officers from the Environment Agency results in a satisfactory OPRA inspection score of 0.

The monitoring of progress against these targets will be the responsibility of our Projects Manager who is trained and experienced in Environmental Management and Regulation. The implementation of these targets will be the responsibility of all employees under the supervision of the Projects Manger whose actions have an influence in achieving each target.

This environmental policy is available on request. If you wish to obtain a copy or would like to discuss our progress towards our targets please call us on 0800 195 4707. This policy is also available on our web site at <http://www.alansskips.co.uk>.

I can confirm that this Policy has been revised and targets stated in previous documents have been achieved where stated. We have also adopted a Carbon Footprint Policy that is also available, although the monitoring of data and performance against targets is still ongoing until October 2009. From these studies we will have a clearer understanding of the impact that our activities have on the environment.



Neil Hassall
Managing Director
ASH Group Ltd.

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