



Case Study – Relocating to New Premises

Organisations Involved: Hoare Lea, Collecteco, Various Good Causes

THE CHALLENGE

Hoare Lea is a leading international firm of electrical, mechanical and public health consulting engineers. The company relocated to refurbished premises in Aztec West, near Bristol, at the end of 2016 and, in line with its



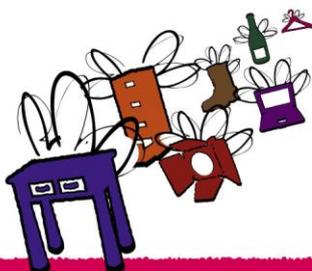
environmental and CSR policy, wanted to ensure that reusable furniture and equipment were donated to good causes with a zero waste to landfill guarantee for any non-reusable items.

THE SOLUTION

Collecteco works with organisations to donate reusable furniture, equipment and materials to good causes, including charities, schools, voluntary groups and other not for profit organisations.

Collecteco visited site well before Hoare Lea were due to relocate, so that reusable kit could be marketed and allocated to good causes before the relocation took place. The office contained a large quantity of modular desking and dividers which are typically difficult to rehome due to their size. This made it even more important to get the kit marketed quickly through Collecteco's national database of good causes. An inventory was produced and circulated listing reusables from furniture right down to mugs and staplers.

In all, 852 large items of furniture and equipment were donated to 20 not for profit organisations, equating to nearly 30,000kg reused. These good causes were many based in Bristol and South Gloucestershire, but items went to South Wales, London and as far afield as Norfolk. Kit that was not fit for reuse was dismantled and sent for recycling. Any non-reusable and non-recyclable waste was sent to generate energy. In total, over 75% of the furniture, equipment and materials from the site was reused, with 24% being recycled and less than 1% going to generate energy. Nothing was sent to landfill!



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SPOTLIGHT ON FIVE ORGANISATIONS HELPED

Avonmouth Sea Cadets is a charity based in Shirehampton that offers activities to young people to promote a range of skills and help prevent youth offending. The organisation received donations ranging from storage wall, desks and filing cabinets to boxes of mugs and stationery.



Woodstock School supports children with learning difficulties and works out of premises in Henbury, an economically deprived area of Bristol. The school received donations including picture frames, stationery and other smaller items to spruce up the old refectory where they are located.



The Markfield Project is an inclusive community hub in Haringey where disabled, deaf and autistic people can play, socialise and get information and support to help them live the life they want. Collecteco arranged delivery of furniture, crockery and stationery to the London-based charity.

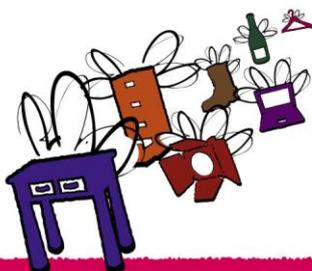
Green Community Transport based in Yate, South Gloucestershire is a not for profit providing accessible transport. Donations from Hoare Lea allowed them to update their offices and accommodate additional staff and volunteers.



Simple Norfolk provides information and activities to benefit the lives of local people, whilst promoting community integration and cohesion. Their move to new premises was done on very limited budget and donations from Hoare Lea allowed them to kit out their new HQ to a very high standard that just wouldn't have been possible on their very limited funding.

THE RESULTS

- ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL: Landfill Diverted: Over 36,000kg
- ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL: CO2 Reduction: Reuse reduces transport associated with using new materials and products
- ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL: Reuse vs. buying new items made from virgin resources
- ✓ SOCIAL: Jobs/training created & supported and scarce funds of recipients protected
- ✓ SOCIAL: Support of local and national good causes
- ✓ ECONOMIC: Cheaper to reuse than to landfill.



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