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A large, dense pile of compressed cardboard boxes and paper waste, likely from a recycling facility, filling most of the frame. The pile is made of many layers of flattened cardboard, with some colorful paper and plastic fragments visible. The background is a concrete floor with yellow painted lines and numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) and the word 'CARD' repeated. A single piece of plywood is leaning against the base of the pile on the left side.

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Welcome to the eighth issue of Sustainable, Derwent London's sustainability newsletter.

In this edition we bring you two topics:

- Climate change initiatives and challenges
- Responsibilities – who do we work with and how responsible do you think we are?





The climate change agenda has taken centre stage in the last few years. The world is getting hotter and carbon taxes are getting higher. So what do we at Derwent do about it?



We have recently signed up to the RE100, ensuring all electricity purchased in our properties comes from 100% renewable sources.

We are one of the eleven London Business Climate Leaders working with the Mayor of London on reducing carbon emissions. We have committed to take actions in the following areas:

- Clean energy – commit to purchasing 100% renewable electricity
- Waste and circular economy – reduce waste generated by 50% by 2050, achieve a 75% recycling rate and reach zero waste to landfill.
- Energy efficient buildings – set long term energy efficiency targets that demonstrate a trajectory towards zero carbon buildings by 2050 in London.



We took part in the first ever London Climate Action Week between 1-8 July, with these actions:

- Banning single use plastic in our offices
- Providing reusable bamboo coffee cups to all employees
- Running various talks focusing on plastic use issues
- Creating a competition, raising awareness around plastics with prizes including reusable water bottles, coffee cups and metal straws
- Ensuring that all paper delivered to our offices comes from recyclable sources
- Taking part in a beach clean at Gabriel's Wharf



Furthermore, our Science Based Targets were approved earlier this year, meaning that our reduced carbon emission target of 55% by 2027 is in line with the scale of reductions required to keep global temperature increase below 2°C above pre-industrial temperatures.

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Being a responsible business, we ensure we develop and maintain strong relationships with our communities, stakeholders and our supply chain.

Community Fund

Our Community Fund commenced in 2013, supporting 89 projects in Fitzrovia & West End and Tech Belt with £665,000 invested to date. The projects focus on health & wellbeing, local environmental improvements, music & culture and care for the disadvantaged and marginalised.

The autumn round of our Tech Belt Community Fund will be launched on 17 September, with deadline for applications on 8 November. Further details on our website www.derwentlondon.com/community-fund



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Partnerships

Recently we have partnered with Hive Cleaning, a company determined to create a truly safe, sustainable business with environmental stewardship and strong ethical values at its heart. All their cleaning products are eco-friendly and free from harsh chemicals and they consistently use and invest in innovative green technologies.

We have seen the results of one of these technological innovations ourselves. The state of the art iMop uses a combination of powerful mechanical action and advanced suction recovery to clean hard floors more thoroughly without the need for chemicals, and uses 75% less water than conventional methods. These machines create a cleaner and healthier environment and leave the floor totally dry so avoiding any health and safety risks.

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RECYCLE WEEK

23 TO 29

SEPTEMBER

2019

IT'S IN OUR OWN HANDS

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London recycles

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RECYCLE YOUR OLD COMPUTER AND ELECTRICALS HERE ON W/C 23 SEPTEMBER

COLLECTION BINS WILL BE PROVIDED

#recyclenow #wrap #derwentlondon

See the building manager for more information.

Your hardware donations will help towards the Children's Literacy Charity.

2018 was the year that Britain woke up to recycling. 2019 is the year we're taking action.

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WRAP's Recycle Week 23 to 29 September 2019

Now in its 17th year and with the theme "It's in our Hands", the week aims to encourage us to recycle more by improving our awareness as to what can be recycled and where. We are increasingly aware of what we can recycle in our homes and offices – paper, plastics and food waste, but computer and electrical hardware items can be tricky. Invariably these are not items that local councils will collect from our doorstep and we are required to make a special trip to the local recycling centre, which is never an appealing prospect for the weekend...

During **Recycle Week** and with the help of **Paper Round** we can help you dispose of any IT or electrical items you may have in the office or even from home. Paper Round will have crates on site at participating buildings from Monday 23 to Friday 27 September. Simply bring in your unwanted items and Paper Round will do the rest!

Paper Round can ensure that your items are recycled appropriately and securely:

- Tablets and phones will be data-wiped
- Printers will be data-wiped too if they store data
- Components and cables will be sent for reprocessing as will keyboards and mice.

For more information please ask your Building Manager to see if your building is taking part and for a copy of Paper Round's "Where Does My Recycling Go" booklet.

Supporting literacy in schools

Not only can you be safe in the knowledge that your items will be disposed of securely and responsibly, but some of your items may even go towards supporting the work of The Children's Literacy Charity. In the UK, 1 in 5 children leave primary school without reaching the expected level of literacy, resulting 1.62 million children not being able to read as well as they should.

Paper Round have partnered with this charity to help make a difference. For every 15 working PCs, laptops or even servers collected, they will donate the value of one tutoring session for a child that is struggling with their reading.

Over the last 4 years donations from Derwent London buildings have resulted in 15 1-1 tutoring sessions being provided. We hope this Recycle Week initiative can boost this number, meaning that not only will your home or office be rid of IT clutter but that your recycling will also benefit the wider community.

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Look out for cake stalls in aid of Macmillan's
coffee morning on 27 September!



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