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# An update from our Managing Director

Dear member, customer, supplier, collection point or business partner,

As for many other businesses in Europe and beyond, ERP UK's business is affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The health and well-being of our employees, their families, partners and visitors is our first priority. We are therefore doing our very best to limit contamination risks.

As in many other businesses, travels and face-to-face meetings are strictly restricted and our staff are now working remotely in accordance with our Business Continuity Plan.

While it is our wish to continue delivering our services normally as long as it is safe to do so, the collection, transport and treatment of waste may require direct interactions between individuals. Thus government's guidelines, which we closely follow, might impact our ability to organise the services.

ERP is already receiving notices of site closures from local authorities and some treatment facilities are also considering closing. Be reassured that if services are suspended or affected by these events beyond our control, we will do our best to resume our normal activity as soon as the conditions to safely do so are met.



We have already contributed our expectations to government of some of the possible impact of the pandemic on the WEEE, Battery and Packaging EPR regimes in which we operate – and made suggestions for addressing these. However, unless we are advised otherwise, the steer from the environment agencies is that it is 'business as usual' in terms of registration and data submission deadlines.

We of course remain available for any question you may have.

Best regards,

**John Redmayne**

# Member News

## 2020 Member workshop dates

As the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, we are aware that there is an increasing level of uncertainty around events due to the social distancing measures.

Seeing as ERP's next free members' workshop is scheduled for **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, we have made the decision to hold this date. We will continue to monitor UK Government advice and if necessary, we will deliver the workshop as a webinar.

To book your place, please email the Compliance Team at [ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org](mailto:ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org)

## Q2 2020

18/06/2020 – **WEEE & Batteries Workshop**,  
Barley Mow Centre, Chiswick, W4 4PH

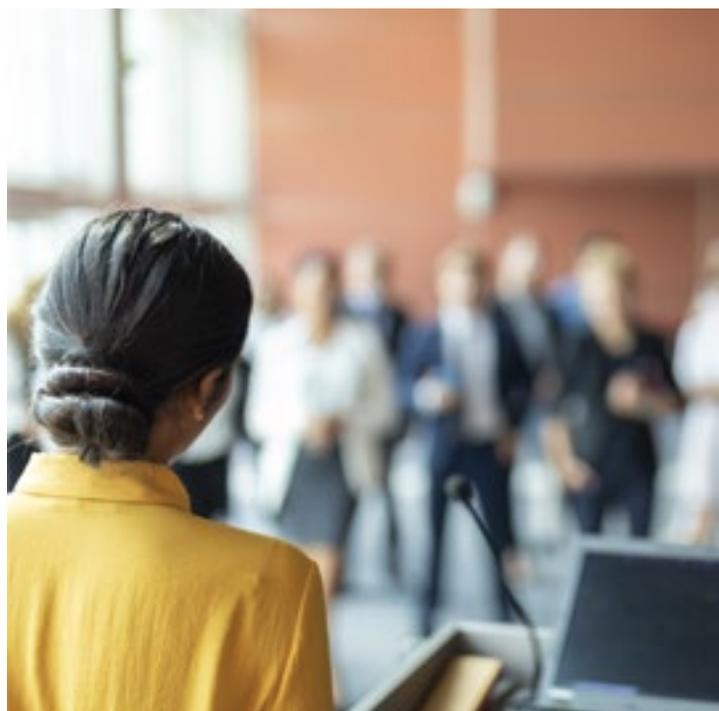
## Q3 2020

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



\* 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>.

# Member News

## Customer satisfaction survey results

Thank you to all of our Compliance Scheme members and Data Service customers who participated in our 2019 survey.

We're delighted to report that the results were largely positive and demonstrate that customer satisfaction continues to improve. This was evident in the growth of our Net Promoter Score (NPS) from 26 in 2018 to 33.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and rest assured that we will work with the team to review and implement your suggestions over the upcoming months.



## ERP UK 2020 compliance badges

ERP UK has produced badges for our Compliance scheme members to use – and demonstrate that they have complied with the Producer Responsibility Regulations.

These badges will be released annually to ensure members' compliance status is accurate. You can display the compliance badges on your websites, brochures or any other marketing collateral.

If you would like further information on the badges, please contact a member of the Compliance Team.



# Member News - WEEE

## Proposed 2020 WEEE collection targets

ERP has responded to the recently published Defra consultation on the provisional WEEE collection targets for the 2020 compliance year (applicable to household WEEE only).

Whilst slightly lower than those for 2019, ERP consider them to be unrealistic in a number of categories - especially for Small Mixed WEEE, where the collection volumes have been declining in recent years.

The UK WEEE collection targets for each compliance year must be set by **March 31**. ERP will update our members once the 2020 targets have been published.



## A review of WEEE Regulations

A review of the UK WEEE Regulations is expected to take place during 2020. ERP have already been preparing for this – working with producer trade associations through the JTA.

Defra plan to hold a series of workshops with representatives from across the industry to identify issues and priorities.

Workshops will be followed by a government consultation – currently expected in late 2020.

It is anticipated that new Regulations would come into force from January 2023 to allow time for legislation and implementation.

ERP will communicate any further information to members when it becomes available.

# Member News - Batteries

## Industrial and Automotive Data for 2019

Producers of Industrial and/or Automotive batteries are required to submit annual data by **March 31**. This includes the following which is split by Industrial and Automotive batteries;

- Placed onto the market tonnage for the previous compliance year
- Placed onto the market tonnage that will leave the UK market before use
- Tonnage your company has been responsible for collecting or taking-back
- Tonnage that your company has been responsible for delivering to an ABTO or ABE



Your account manager will have already contacted you if this affects your company.

If you have not yet provided the above information on the bespoke form provided, please ensure that this is completed as a matter of urgency.

# Member News - Packaging

## Packaging data round and 2020 registrations

Since the start of the year, packaging members have been submitting their data to ERP. Our Data Service team is also preparing the data submissions on behalf of customers who utilise our data consultancy service.

We will submit our 2020 packaging registration to the relevant Agency for all members who are ready to register by the **April 15 legal deadline**.

Once we receive confirmation that registrations have been accepted, we will then **issue registration certificates in May** to those members who registered by the deadline.



## Packaging recycling targets needed for 2021/2022

The Government have only set packaging recycling targets up to 2020. Setting the targets for the next two years will help support investment within the sector and provide more certainty.

Government is working on setting the targets for 2021 and 2022 and an announcement is expected in due course.

Targets for further years will be set as part of the reform to the Packaging Regulations.

# Member News

## Meet the ERP team: David

This quarter we introduce our Business Development Manager, David.

### Q: How long have you been with ERP UK?

A: I have been with ERP since 2011. Prior to that I had dealt with the organisation through my regional role with Welsh Local Authorities, where ERP had successfully won a tender.

### Q: What does a typical day look like for you?

A: I have a varied role as a result of my time with ERP but mainly it covers, business development where I work with and support our members and potential new Producer opportunities for WEEE, Batteries, Packaging and Data Services. I also work closely with colleagues both in the UK team and across the Landbell Group re: European opportunities.

Additionally, I work with customers to develop and deploy Product Take-Back solutions; including the lithium-ion battery powered forms of transport and vehicles.

Lastly, given the experience gained in my previous role as a Waste Coordinator for ten Welsh Local Authorities, I also support ERP's Operational Team with Local Authority contracts and tenders by collecting and servicing these contracts.



### Q: What motivates you in your role?

A: My main motivation is the satisfaction of our clients. Compliance isn't our clients' core business, and it is quite complicated and time-consuming. It's great to get feedback where they feel a weight has been lifted from their shoulders through ERP's ongoing support and guidance.

It's also great to be recognised for my achievements by my management and my colleagues.

[Continue the interview here.](#)

# Industry News

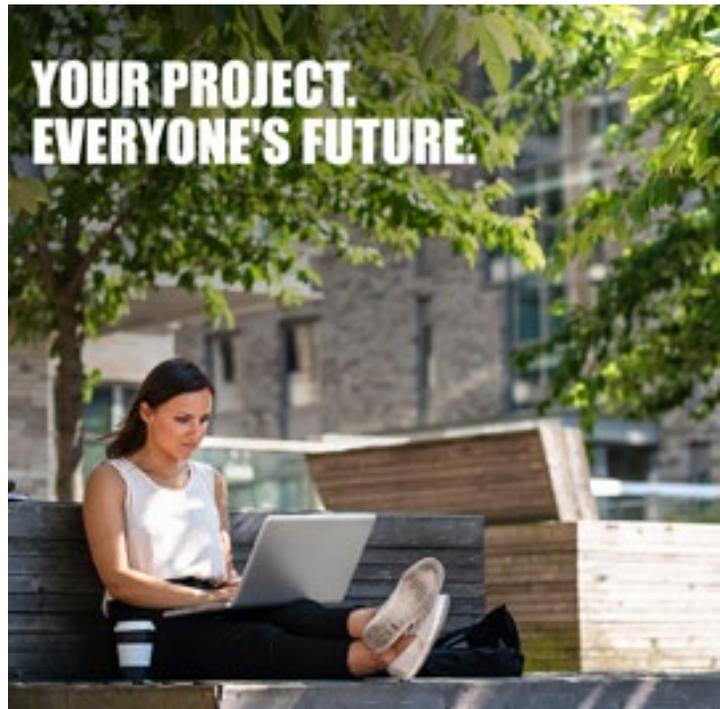
## Green Alley Award 2020 – entries are open

Do you belong to an avant-garde European startup who fights for a sustainable world without waste?

Then we encourage you to apply for the Green Alley Award, Europe’s first startup prize promoting digital circular economy solutions, recycling innovations and ideas for waste prevention.

Don’t miss out on a chance to promote your startup across Europe, gain new business contacts and secure a cash prize of €25,000.

For more info visit: [green-alley-award.com](https://green-alley-award.com).



## Brexit update

Following the UK’s exit from the European Union, we are now in a transition period until December 31 2020.

During this time, the UK will continue to be bound by EU rules so there will no material changes.



# Industry News

## Distributor Take Back Scheme (DTS)

There is a significant change to the DTS, where larger retailers with physical stores will only be able to use the DTS until **Dec 31 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.

Take back covers WEEE from private households which includes dual use equipment from businesses.

Currently plans for online and smaller retailers from January 2022 onwards have not been established. However, this will be considered as part of the WEEE Regulations review.



## POPs update

The changes to the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulations continue to be a key issue for WEEE processing in the UK.

Further work is planned to look at the density separation process to ensure POPs are being captured in the heavy fractions of plastics. This will help create a benchmark against which density separation processes can be monitored and assessed.

The Environment Agency is also putting considerable resource into a strategy for monitoring POPs compliance. Plans include extending monitoring to all businesses that handle WEEE including treatment facilities, reuse organisations and possibly Local Authorities.

# Industry News

## Plastic Packaging Tax

In the Government's Budget 2020, it was announced that the tax on plastic packaging containing less than 30% recycled content will be set at £200 per tonne and will come into force in **April 2022**.

The tax will apply to manufacturers and importers of unfilled plastic packaging. The scope of the tax will also include the importation of filled plastic packaging.

If your company is unsure of its plastic packaging's recycled content please contact our Data Services team for support via [ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org](mailto:ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org).



## Lead acid batteries over-represented in collection figures

Lead acid batteries accounted for only 3% of all of the portable batteries placed on the market in 2019. However, the battery collection data showed that of all waste portable batteries collected, **62% was lead acid batteries**.

This means that the majority of the UK's battery obligation is being met by lead acid batteries and there is a concern that there is only a small amount of household portable batteries being collected, which is not enough to meet obligations.

It is likely that this will form part of the Government's review of the Battery Regulations, expected to take place in the next year or so.

# Industry News

## PRN market update

Initial data published by the Environment Agency, suggests that all materials have met the 2019 targets. The market saw some declines in prices through to the end of 2019 and in general, these have continued into January 2020.

There was a softening in the **plastic** PRN price due to the positive 2019 data. It is yet to be seen how the market will respond to international uncertainties caused by the impact of the coronavirus.

**Paper** prices also softened towards the end of 2019, due to the strong performance towards target. However, due to restrictions from China, the UK may struggle to meet the 2020 target as other markets have a weaker demand.



**Aluminium** prices continue to show considerable volatility while **steel, wood and glass** all appear to be in a good position to achieve obligation targets for 2020.

We will see the Q1 recycling data in late April and the UK obligations will be known in May. This data will help provide a clearer outlook for 2020.

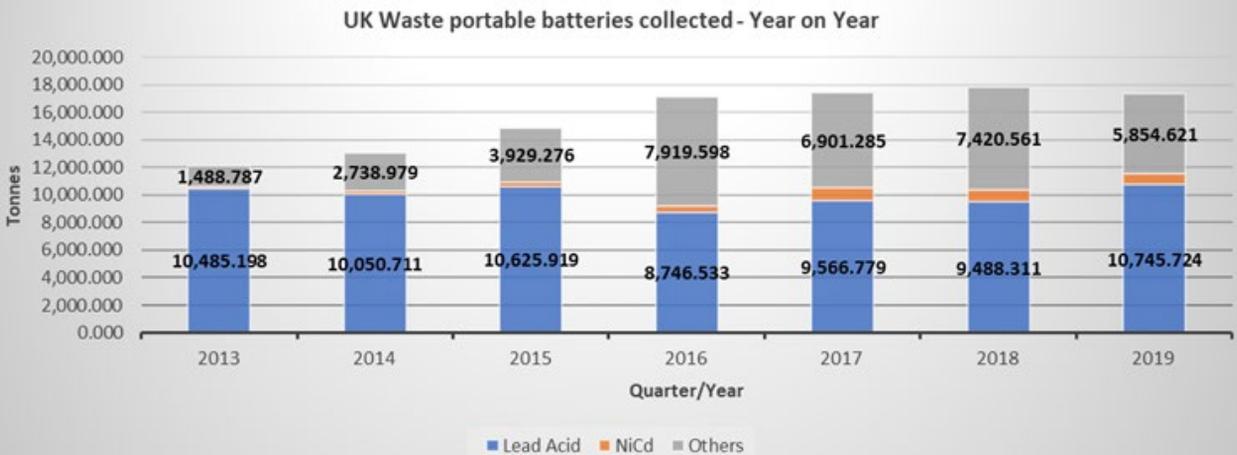
ERP will continue to provide our packaging scheme members with more detailed quarterly updates regarding the PRN market.

# Compliance Data

## Batteries: UK data analysis

The Environment Agency provided the Q4 2019 battery data earlier this month so we now have a better indication of the final achievement for 2019. There was a 2% overall decrease in batteries collected in 2019 compared to 2018, mainly due to a drop in 'other'. The UK's battery collection target for 2019 was 45% and the data suggests that the UK's achievement was slightly less than this.

Final 2019 data will not be published until June 2020 and so a more detailed evaluation will be possible then.



# Compliance Data

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## Packaging: UK data analysis

Earlier this month, the Environment Agency released the provisional Q4 2019 recycling data. This data shows that the UK is likely to meet its 2019 targets. This contrasts with concerns earlier in the year that some materials i.e. plastics and aluminium, would not achieve the targets.

Two materials that have been of particular concern are looking more optimistic. Plastic has increased from 48% during Q2 to 76% currently. Along with the 2018 PRN carry over, the projection now is that there might be a small surplus for plastic.

Aluminium has also improved from 46% towards target in Q2 to 72%. However, there continues to be a challenge with this material for Q4 and even with 2018 PRN carry over, the projected achievement is just behind target, at 99%.

Material	2019 UK Obligations (tonnes)	Q1-Q4 2019 Recycling	Achievement In Q4 towards 2019 Requirements
Paper	2,991,810	3,817,210	128%
Glass	1,738,981	1,752,386	101%
Aluminium	112,279	116,539	104%
Steel	377,824	397,983	105%
Plastic	1,097,481	1,141,546	104%
Wood	444,214	607,748	137%
Recovery	613,768	617,425	101%

# Compliance Data

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## WEEE: UK data analysis

The Q4 2019 recycling data was recently published by the Environment Agency. This data showed a decrease in most streams, apart from large domestic appliances, when compared to Q4 2018 and Q3 2019.

Looking at the amount of WEEE collected during 2019 compared to the 2019 targets, all waste streams have fallen short, with the exception of photovoltaics. The overall achievement to target was 90%, with the most significant shortfall in Small Mixed WEEE, where the UK only met 79% of the target.

UK Waste Stream	Q1-Q4 2019 UK WEEE collected	2019 DEFRA targets	Progress to targets
Large Domestic Appliances	174,186	188,282	93%
Cooling Equipment	134,629	135,415	99%
Display Equipment	44,521	48,708	91%
Small Mixed WEEE (cat 2-10)	137,022	172,919	79%
Lamps	4,553	5,168	88%
Photovoltaics	65	87	74%
Total	494,976	550,579	90%

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