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The newsletter of Nathans Wastesavers

reducing waste
reusing textiles
helping people

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Message from the Managing Director

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Welcome

Welcome to the sixth issue of Renews. Nathan's Wastesavers are proud to be the sponsors of The Association's First Scottish Charity Retail Conference at the South Hall Complex, Pollock Halls of Residence, University of Edinburgh on Tuesday 27th February 2007.

We are delighted to be hosting an exhibition stand at the conference and we hope we can provide information about the services we offer charity organisations. We are here to give you as much information as possible on all aspects of textile recycling, so please feel free to ask us. We will be happy to assist!

For further information about the Association of Charity Shops, please contact them via their website at www.charityshops.org.uk

Let's get it sorted!

Brendan



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Meet the Nathan's family

Here at Nathan's Wastesavers a 200 strong workforce of factory, production, administration, office, transport and maintenance staff play an important part in processing over 12,000 tonnes of unwanted textiles that makes its way to the factory every year.

Thank you for your continued business from all the staff at Nathan's Wastesavers.

Out With the Old, In With the New!

Some of our regular customers may have noticed that our fleet of Nathan's collection vehicles was starting to look rather tired? With our continued commitment to the environment and the service we provide, we have replaced our fleet of vehicles and now operate 20 new specially designed vehicles equipped with scales, servicing every town, village and city throughout Scotland. All vehicles should bear the familiar Nathan's logo early in 2007.



“Do You Know Where Your Textiles Are Going?”

Make Sure You're Legal

Did you know that charity rags and clothing placed in textile banks is considered to be waste according to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Environment Agency for England and Wales?

In line with The Duty of Care law, as detailed in section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act (1990), charities, local authorities and businesses have a legal duty to ensure that their collector is legally authorised to take waste for recycling, reclamation or disposal. Authorised textile recycling merchants should be able to provide you with a Waste Carrier's license. Failure to comply with the Duty of Care may result in a conviction where the penalty could be an unlimited fine.

Unfortunately there are a significant number of textile collectors operating in the UK that do not hold the appropriate waste licences. It is strongly advised therefore that you choose a collector that is a member of the Textile Recycling Association. All new TRA members have to provide evidence that they are appropriately licensed to collect waste and that they hold compulsory employers liability insurance.

Nathan's Wastesavers is the UK's largest textile recycling company. We are SEPA registered waste carriers (License No. SEA/072145) and are members of the TRA and also the Recyclatex 'bonded' scheme.

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For further information you can log on to www.textile-recycling.org.uk or if you would like to check whether a textile collector has the legal authority to handle waste, you can send the TRA an e-mail info@textile-recycling.org.uk or phone them on 0870 0428276.

Alternatively if you have any problems, you can contact your Local Authority or us and we will pass on the details.



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Exporting Waste, Exporting Jobs

More and more, authorised textile recycling merchants are losing out to illegal operators that do not sort textiles but export the material (including clothing and waste) to Eastern European markets.

Often the material is dumped rather than recycled, as in the UK.

Whilst prices for charity collections sold directly to Poland, Ukraine and Russia etc are currently high, these markets are unreliable and are attracting unscrupulous operators to the UK, often transferring textiles, waste and jobs from the UK.

Here at Nathan's Wastesavers we are committed to providing our charity customers with the best possible service and safeguarding recycling jobs in the UK.



FASHION FRAUD!

A growing problem in the textile recycling industry is the theft of door-to-door donations and textiles donated to textile banks. Bogus door-to-door textile collecting is a growing problem and costs legitimate charities an estimated £1 million per year according to the Association of Charity Shops.

The deceptive use of flyers that gives the impression they are collecting for, or on behalf of a charity, are misleading householders who want to help charitable causes.

Typically these flyers make claims of helping to clothe people in Eastern Europe and the third world, have minimal or no contact details and do not display a Registered Charity Number.

The bogus collector is not raising funds for any charity in this country or abroad, they are in fact selling your donations purely for their own profit.

Book Donations

For a few months now we have been sorting good quality books from any bric-a-brac that comes into the factory and donating them to some of our charity shop partners. If your charity has an under-stocked bookshop or any retail outlet that could benefit from donations of good quality books, please get in touch on 01324 826 633.

First come, first served!!!



Paired Shoes

We would like to say thank you to our charity partners for their continued support, pairing donated shoes with elastic bands. This makes a huge difference to the efficiency of the shoe sorting process and greatly reduces the quantity of unpaired shoes going to landfill.



We are happy to supply elastic bands to any charity shop we collect from. Just give us a call on 01324 826 633.

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If you have any comments or ideas for topics to be covered in the next issue of **renews**, contact Olivia McLay on 01324 826633.

Charity Shop

DATA COLLECTION

We are currently looking into supplying each of our drivers with an electronic hand-held data collection system to record real-time charity shop transactions.

The frequency of collections and quantity of textiles collected is ever increasing and this will provide a more accurate method of recording the data. We hope to pilot this system early in 2007.



employee FOCUS

In the last newsletter we said goodbye to Marie Doran who has retired after 15 years service at Nathan's Wastesavers. Marie was a dedicated member of staff and had seen many changes at Nathan's over the years.

One of the most important people working at Nathan's, she was responsible for making sure our charity partners got paid for their shop donations. We have recently been joined by **Carol Reid**, an experienced Accountant, to take over this role. We wish Carol a long and happy career at Nathan's.



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