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ISO 14001 Update

The Environmental Management system ISO 14001 that Wyevale is in the process of implementing is progressing well. All the environmental risk assessments have been produced covering all aspects of Wyevale's work. We now have a new Environmental Policy that will soon be displayed at Head Office, the Web Site and all Depots. The Questionnaire that was sent out with the previous issue was responded to by around 40% of the total workforce and showed that most people have a good understanding of issues, particularly recycling and energy saving and are doing their bit. We are committed to having the environment and the new system on the agenda at all future staff meetings. It can then be changed and adapted as we progress to account for everyone's ideas and input.

The main areas that have been identified from the consultations as in need of improvement are: Pesticide use, Waste Management and Emissions. We have set the following objectives and targets to aim for over the next few years:

Pesticides

Objective: To gradually reduce use of pesticides whilst increasing use of mulch and new, "green" biodegradable products.

Waste

Objective: To recycle more plant pots / trays and increase the amount of green waste going for composting. Also investigate the potential for recycling of other depot waste with council schemes for cans, batteries and oil.

Target: To achieve 25% recycling of plant pots by 2006

Emissions

Objective: To ensure all vehicles and plant emissions are within legal limits by means of regular servicing and MOT testing.

Target: 90% of all vehicles to be diesel by 2006; investigate LPG vehicles as alternatives to petrol by 2007 and investigate LPG ride-on mower alternatives by 2008.

To help get things moving there was a half-day's training in Awareness and Competence which happened in September/October and was attended by most of our staff. The aims of which were to:

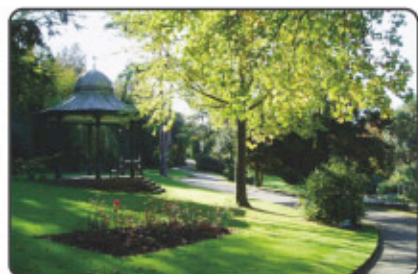
- Reinforce the importance of conforming with Wyevale's Environmental Policy
- Show the significant environmental impacts of our work activities
- Identify roles and responsibilities within the scheme
- Inform everyone about the consequences of not following operating procedures

At present we are on schedule to achieve ISO 14001 by December this year and it will be thanks to everyone if we achieve our deadline. So keep cycling to work, turn the lights off and recycle that beer can!

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Ventnor Park



The company entered two parks on the Isle of Wight for a BALI award. This was the first time that we had entered and although we were unsuccessful we have learnt from the experience in that we now know what they are looking for in terms of a successful submission. Ventnor Park apparently came quite close to an award and we will submit again in 2005 making the necessary changes and hopefully will be successful.

