



Paper Round

RECYCLING COMPANY PAPER ROUND WINS TOP ENVIRONMENTAL PRIZE

Recycling company, Paper Round, won a top prize at Wednesday’s prestigious Business Commitment to the Environment (BCE) Environmental Leadership Awards ceremony in London. The company won the SME Premier Award for its comprehensive environmental management system (EMS). Results included a 92% recycling rate, 100% diversion of waste from landfill and a reduction in electricity use at its warehouse by 30%.



Paper Round is a recycling company that collects from over 5,500 businesses in London. It puts a lot of effort into reducing its environmental impact so that it can encourage its clients to do the same.

Paper Round Director Bill Swan said, “We try to set an example of best practice and show that business and sustainability are not only compatible but can also make an organisation more competitive. We are proud of our achievements and we genuinely feel that we are “walking the talk” when it comes

to being ethical. We are delighted that our hard work has been recognised by this sought-after award.”

“Paper Round set out to create and maintain an exemplary environmental performance not just because we believed that it is the right thing to do but because we wanted to demonstrate to our clients and other SMEs that operating sustainably makes sense both for the environment and for business. The integral role our EMS plays in our operations demonstrates how sustainability can be the way you do business and add real value for clients rather than being just a superficial add-on.”

Twelve companies, ranging in size from SMEs to major PLCs, won major awards or commendations across a number of sectors including construction, food and waste management. The awards were presented by former Marks & Spencer chairman, Sir Stuart Rose. “I’ve been very impressed with the quality of this year’s BCE Award winners and commend them for their commitment to the environment, particularly in the face of such challenging economic conditions” said Sir Stuart. “They’ve really set the bar for other companies.”

Founded by Sir Peter Parker in 1975, the BCE Awards scheme is one of the world’s longest-running environmental competitions. It celebrates businesses that an independent judging panel recognises as meeting the commercial demands of the present without compromising the environment.

Congratulating the winners, Sir Stuart said: “I know from my own experiences at Marks & Spencer

BPR Group trading as Paper Round
52 Lant Street, London SE1 1RB. T: 020 7407 9100 F: 020 7407 9101
www.paper-round.co.uk

Registered in England & Wales . Company number 3961507



100% recycled

Complete Office Services.
Simple. Reliable. Ethical.



that businesses need to display qualities of leadership, innovation and excellence to succeed with sustainability initiatives. These demanding attributes are also required to win a prestigious BCE Award and all the winners deserve enormous credit.

“We need to radically alter our business models to cope with a perfect storm of climate change, a growing global population and finite resources. The BCE Awards scheme has pioneered the recognition of companies taking the lead on environmental issues and the winners’ achievements are an inspiration to their peers.”

WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) is the lead sponsor of the 2011 BCE Awards. Main sponsors are AEA, BP, Brunswick Group, E.ON and Sustainable Business.

<ENDS>

Notes for editors:

- Founded by Friends of the Earth in 1988, Paper Round became a stand-alone company in 2000.
- Paper Round now helps over 5,500 Greater London organisations recycle in their offices. Their solutions are practical, cost effective and tailored to their needs. The complete recycling service they provide is backed up by reliable collections and underpinned by strong ethical principles.
- More details www.paper-round.co.uk
- Bill Swan and Alison Roe are joint directors of Paper Round. They are available for interview on subjects including recycling in London, sustainability, office and environment issues and challenges facing London businesses in the future.
- The Business Commitment to the Environment (BCE) Environmental Leadership Awards scheme was established in 1975. Since then, it has been showcasing UK environmental excellence and recognising businesses whose activities enhance or protect the environment while meeting commercial demands.
- Under the scheme, UK businesses compete to show best practice in areas such as climate change, air quality, waste management, resource efficiency, and protecting Britain's countryside and natural resources
- Previous top BCE Award holders include Bovis Lend Lease, Innocent Drinks, ASDA, Unilever, and M&S.
- The BCE Awards are an accredited feeder scheme for the biennial European Business Awards for the Environment (EBAE).

For more information, please contact:

Catherine Radojcin, Marketing Manager
catherine@paper-round.co.uk | 020 79408273

Above: Sir Stuart Rose (right) presenting the award to Bill Swan, Paper Round Managing Director.

BPR Group trading as Paper Round
52 Lant Street, London SE1 1RB. T: 020 7407 9100 F: 020 7407 9101
www.paper-round.co.uk

Registered in England & Wales . Company number 3961507



100% recycled

Complete Office Services.
Simple. Reliable. Ethical.

