



Improved Recycling and Litter Collection for the University of St Andrews

Problem Identified

Founded in 1413, St Andrews was the first university in Scotland, and is now a highly respected learning establishment with a tradition of academic excellence. With a population of around 9000 staff and students, the University generates significant quantities of waste. This needs to be carefully managed to minimise environmental impacts. The University of St Andrews decided that the introduction of a recycling initiative, for the collection of cans and plastic bottles, would help to reduce levels of waste sent to landfill. Internal recycling banks were required for use in a variety of locations, including corridors, common rooms and communal areas. The recycling banks needed to be neat, eye-catching, colour-coded and convenient for the cleaning staff to empty.

Solution

The University of St Andrews requested a site visit by a specially trained Glasdon Representative, to discuss and demonstrate the various options and find a solution to fit all the university's criteria. The Nexus™ 50 was chosen due to its suitability for use in all areas. The colour coded apertures and eye-catching graphics make Nexus 50 easily identifiable for the collection of different types of litter for recycling. Nexus 50 is easy to clean and empty and is the ideal unit for keeping surrounding areas neat and tidy. It can hold up to 50 litres of waste at one time; thereby effectively coping with the large quantity of litter created by the students and staff on a daily basis.



Resulting Benefits

Since April 2004, when the bins were purchased, the University of St Andrews has found Glasdon Nexus 50 recycling banks to be an effective addition to their recycling initiative. They have collected 1.8 tonnes of cans and 3.5 tonnes of plastic bottles since the programme began, resulting in a significant financial saving on waste collection.

What the Customer Says:

Yvonne McKie, Environment Officer for the University of St Andrews commented:

“The smart, eye-catching design of the Nexus 50 range has encouraged staff and students to segregate their waste for recycling.”



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