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Biographies

Tessa Bowering:

Tessa has been involved in the waste industry since 1989 following graduating in Geography from Southampton University.

Tessa is a Senior Technical Officer in the SW Pan Area Team within the Waste Regimes Operational Services department at the Environment Agency. The team delivers the work in the Producer Responsibility Regimes (Packaging, WEEE and Batteries), International Waste Shipments, Separate Collections and Material Recycling Facilities Regulations. She ensures delivery of the workplan and coach/mentor members of the team in regard to ProRes issues specifically. She deals with required enforcement action under the regimes specifically being a point of contact for packaging Enforcement Undertaking Offers received. She undertakes audits covering packaging, WEEE, batteries and IWS. She has been involved in developing the training plan for WROS and provide specific A&G under the regimes for officers. She liaises regularly with the other STOs in the other PATs to ensure a consistent approach is taken in the delivery of work. She has experience and knowledge in regard to hazardous waste, Duty of Care and other regulatory functions across the EA.

Tessa is also a CIWM/Wamitab assessor in regard to technical competence requirements for waste operators and an internal quality assurer.

She is an active member of CIWM having gained chartered status in 2002 and as a chartered environmentalist. Tessa co-ordinates the CIWM Wessex Professional Development Network which aims to encourage new and younger members of CIWM primarily aimed at students, graduates and those new to the wastes industry.



Clive Clasby:

Senior Environmental Crime Officer for the Environment Agency Wessex Area

Started with the Waste Regulation Authority in 1990

Has focussed on enforcement in the waste industry and been both SIO for major investigations within the EA and deputy for a joint Devon and Cornwall Police/ EA investigation

Has advised the Romanian Government on Waste Management Practice and been part of a joint UK/ Russian team decontaminating a former Soviet era research base in Antarctica.

Thomas Minter:

Thomas runs Malaby Biogas, operator of the award-winning Bore Hill Farm Biodigester and Malaby Biogas AD Services Ltd, a specialist AD consultancy. He is based in Wiltshire, UK and focusses on providing management and client-side support and project development services in the UK and internationally. His diverse career brings a results-driven perspective for clients and his passion for innovation, new markets and climate action has made him a reputable pioneer of the biogas industry.

Thomas is a member of the Renewable Energy Association's Green Gas Forum and Digestate Working Group and regularly informs government strategy by contributing to calls for evidence and consultations as well as taking part in policy development workshops and hosting regular departmental information meetings. He holds management and advisory board positions with the UK national trade association ADBA and the World Biogas Association and is a member of the International Energy Association's Task 37 biogas group and the Canadian Biogas Association as well as a regular participant of the Global Methane Initiative's biogas group

Thomas believes that AD operational efficiency and flexibility can deliver substantial climate benefits as well as step change improvements to the bottom line. Central to his philosophy is innovation and flexibility. "We all know there is no climate action without methane utilisation and AD facilities should ensure they are placed to take advantage of technical and market opportunities that exist now and will be deliverable in the short and medium term. We deliver a carbon negative solution already and can profit from our prime credential of being available and profitable today to innovate and build efficiency tomorrow."

Matt Oliver:

Has worked as the Water Purification Plant Operator at Hall & Woodhouse Brewery since April 2021. This includes the running of an in-house liquid AD plant, as well as looking after recycling and waste streams on site and driving improvements. Currently completing WAMITAB Level 4 Operator Competence for Anaerobic Digestion. Previously worked nationwide as a steel erector.



Becci Owen:

Becci started working with the Environment Agency as an Environment Officer in the Sussex Waste Team. She has since worked as a Regulatory Officer, focusing on Producer Responsibility, and last year she took up the role of Senior Technical Officer in the newly formed Pan Area Chemicals Team. Becci and the rest of the team have been focusing on the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulations in relation to waste, specifically Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) to start with. As the team develops and expands, the intent will be to broaden the focus to include additional waste streams of concern, e.g. Soft Furnishings. They are also aiming to bridge the gap between Area Regulatory Teams and Chemical Compliance Teams in order to facilitate holistic Waste and Chemical Compliance Audits.

Alex Claxton:

Alex Claxton is a Senior Environment Officer based in Wessex area covering Dorset, Wiltshire, Somerset and part of Hampshire. Alex has 12 years' experience working in Environment Agency and specialises in waste regulation covering various waste sectors. As part of the Environment agency she has been part of various projects and campaigns including misclassification of waste, fires at waste sites and waste carriers dealing with aqueous waste. She studied at Bournemouth University where she received a bachelor's degree (Hons) in Environment and Conservation Biology and has been a member of CIWM since 2012

Janette Leach:

Janette has been working in the waste industry for over 12 years now since she graduated with a Masters in Earth Science from the University of Manchester. Over these 12 years with Commercial Recycling, Janette has been involved in many aspects of the industry including permitting, landfill management, inert waste recycling and hazardous waste management to name a few.



Ian Percy:

Ian is an Environmental Crime Officer in the Wessex Area Enforcement Team, having joined the team in 2010 from Environment Management.

Ian leads on waste significant and serious waste investigations. In addition to investigating waste crime, he assists with water quality, water industry, Fisheries, FCRM, Installations, Producer Responsibility and Packaging investigations, and provides technical advice to officers on investigation management, PACE processes and procedures, evidence gathering, handling and disposal.

Ian is also involved in partnership enforcement working with Dorset Police, Dorset Council and Bournemouth/Christchurch/Poole Council for fly-tipping, rural crime and organised crime investigations, intelligence gathering, Waste Carrier/Broker/Dealer Auditing, and currently leads on scrap metal campaigns across Dorset.

Outside of the waste investigation role, he also undertakes incident response for Environment Management and Flooding.

Prior to joining the Environment Agency, he spent 16 ½ years with Dorset Police in a variety of investigative roles and working in custody.

