

Red Top goes Green!

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The Trinity Mirror Group normally print the news, but today their Oldham site made the headlines themselves by gaining the recognition to the environmental standard BS 8555 Phase 3. This award follows hot on the heels of an audit by the leading Acorn Inspection Body, NQA and means they are the first of the Trinity Mirror sites to be inspected under the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA's) Acorn Scheme and pass with flying colours.

While setting the pace within their own organisation, the Oldham site of the Trinity Mirror Group also secured an historic double whammy by becoming the 100th organisation to achieve this national registration under the IEMA Acorn Scheme. Groundwork Environmental Business Services provided the training and consultancy support to help Trinity Mirror with their trailblazing achievement.

Rob Frames, Materials Handling Manager and Environmental Representative noted "The Acorn materials and the implementation tracker have proved invaluable in implementing our EMS and highlighting areas that needed more input. We opted for the Acorn method as we found that the bite sized approach was the most manageable way to progress towards ISO14001. Being focused on particular tasks made it easier to progress through the stages and it gave management a clear idea of their current position."

Kathryn Dutton, of Groundwork Environmental Business Services commented, “We are very pleased to have supported Trinity Mirror Group in achieving this registration. By helping an organisation of Trinity Mirror Group’s stature to secure this benchmark we demonstrate Groundwork’s commitment to work with organisations of all shapes and sizes to implement effective environmental management systems.”

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Trinity Mirror Group (Oldham)

Trinity Mirror Group's (Oldham) Environment Team initially consisted of Rob Frames, Materials Handling Manager, John Latham, Facilities Manager, Ron McCoy Security and Health & Safety Manager and Kathryn Dutton who has been seconded from Groundwork. The Team has now expanded to include representatives from all departments to assist in communicating information, procedures, and good practice to the 400 strong workforce.

The remaining 8 Mirror sites are also following this route and are being monitored using the Acorn method. TMP Oldham is aiming for ISO14001 certification early next year.

Groundwork Environmental Business Services

Groundwork Environmental Business Services (ebs) provides practical support, advice, information and training to companies on environmental business issues. Our aim is also to encourage companies and their employees to be more aware of their environmental impact both globally and locally.

Groundwork

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NQA

NQA is the world's third largest certification body and is accredited by the national accreditation bodies of the United Kingdom (UKAS) and the United States (ANAB)

The international organisation has a head office in Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, UK, and two joint ventures in the USA (NQA, USA Inc) and China (SNQA), in addition to offices in Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Cyprus, Korea, Malaysia, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand and Turkey.

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