

GTRM waste management

Case Record

Location Westbury

Main Contractor GTRM

Environmental Initiatives

Waste management Utilisation of waste materials



GTRM takes the view that we have a responsibility to ensure a positive commitment. GTRM already do sustain the environment through the reuse of materials utilised in the infrastructure. However, some materials do not always have an obvious use as the following example demonstrates.

Staff at the Westbury depot had for many years held large quantities of materials. This was making the depot look untidy so they set about making the necessary changes; skips were brought in, lorries came and went - taking large amounts of scrap cable - and the whole site was soon cleared and tidied.

A dilemma was encountered during this process, what to do with some 900 concrete troughs (in varying conditions) that had accumulated at the depot. Approximately half of these were assessed on the spot as being re-usable with the remainder confined to a heap for disposal, which would have been expensive.

A member of the pointcare team at Westbury, suggested that the scrapped troughs could be used to build a much needed pathway through swampy ground around the edge of his local angling club's lake (Eden Vale AA). The U-shaped profile of the troughs would form a stable, robust pathway which would stand six inches off the ground and allow the flood water to pass underneath.

With his innovative recycling suggestion gladly accepted, the team organised transport during their own time, and moved the troughs to the lakeside site. Laying the pathway took around 70 hours of manual labour, saving the Company the cost of disposal while at the same time putting the unwanted troughs to a worthwhile use.