

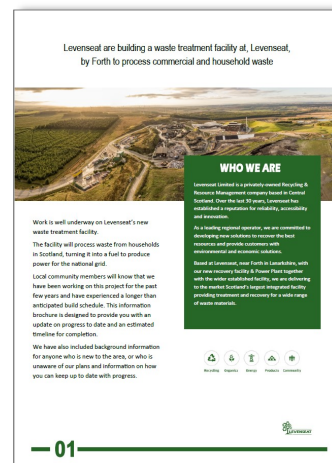


## Power Plant

Phase one: Hot commissioning is going well and we expect to finish by the end of the year.

As hot commissioning progresses we will be updating our website regularly to keep the community informed. For the remainder of the commissioning process our plan is to produce a short quarterly update for the community, which will be posted on our social media pages with a link through to the Levenseat webpage. I have attached the next on-line update for your reference, this will be available on-line this week. As it is the first update since we re-entered hot commissioning we have provided quite a lot of background detail, going forward the update will be a straight forward commissioning update.

Over the next few months we will be adding additional educational resources to the website such as; a virtual tour of the power plant, animated explainer videos and downloadable teaching materials. Additionally, our website is where you will be able to view detail such as recycling rates and emissions data.



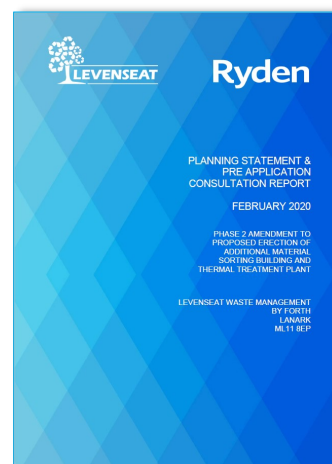
## Planning

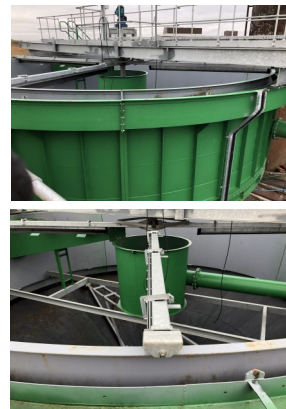
Phase two: We are now able to progress with our plans to submit our amendment to planning for phase two of the Power Plant.

It is still our intention to run an information event along side the amendment to planning submission, we will however have to change our method for doing this. We have set up an on-line platform where members of the public can view our application and also find additional resources explaining more about the project. There will be details of how you can submit questions and have them answered as well as a direct link to the West Lothian Planning Portal. We have also set up a dedicated inbox, [planningfeedback@levenseat.co.uk](mailto:planningfeedback@levenseat.co.uk) for enquiries.

We had initially delayed the submission when the lockdown, due to COVID-19, was announced, however with the recent conformation of an extension to lockdown and the prospect of social distancing measures remaining in place for some time, I think it is sensible to continue and take the event on-line. I am confident that by doing so we will see large than average engagement numbers.

A summary of the application can be viewed on our website [here](#). And will go live on the West Lothian Council planning portal very soon.





## Developments

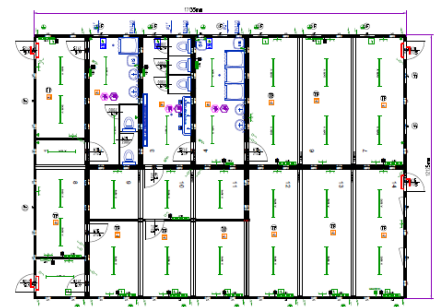
### Wash Plant:

We are continuing with our plans to upgrade our wash plant facility, we are currently on track to complete commissioning by the end of May. Our new facility uses a series of dewatering screens, a rake arm clarifier and sand classifiers to process street sweepings and gulley waste. Our new facility is one of the most technically advanced in Scotland and will help local authorities and commercial customers to meet their recycling targets through the recovery of recyclable materials such as, sand, metal and aggregate. We re-use the sand and aggregate for concrete production.

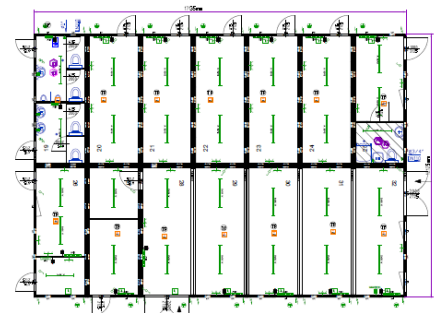
### New welfare Facility:

As we our team continues to grow we plan to upgrade our welfare facilities. We will be building a new facility which will house: a canteen space, changing/shower facilities, rest bite area, storage for parts and supplies and some additional office space. This is a temporary modular building that gives us the flexibility to be able to expand as we grow.

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ground floor

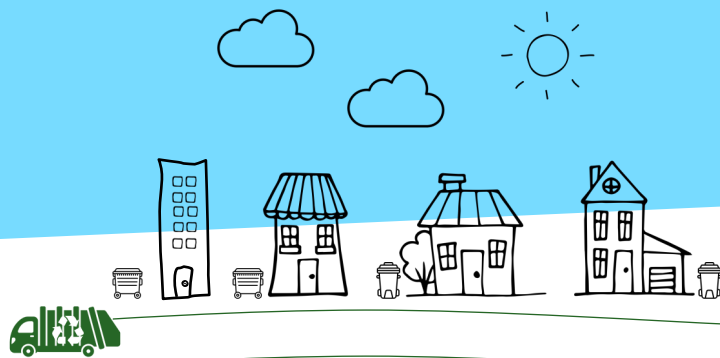


## Our Team

### Community Engagement Officer:

We are pleased to announce Lisa Heffernan has joined the Levenseat Team as our Community Engagement Officer. Lisa has worked within an education and community setting for 11 years in a variety of roles.

Lisa will work within the communications team and her role will be to oversee the work we are undertaking to achieving our strategic value 'Part of the Community'. This will include, liaising with the local community, formalising our education programme and coordinating our community benefits activity.



#### Graduate Training Programme:

Levenseat is launching its first ever graduate training programme, the programme is a 1 year programme and will start with a placement within each department and will then provide in-depth training in the following areas: Engineering Design, regulatory knowledge, business development, commercial knowledge, project/business management.

Our first graduate is Keir Baillie, from Forth, South Lanarkshire, Kiers official title is Process Engineer and he commented "Working at Levenseat on my master project really opened my eyes to the many careers within the resource management industry. Being able to join Levenseat's graduate training programme has been a dream come true, as an engineer, you want to work for a company that is brave enough to invest in new technology and lead the way, Levenseat is truly innovative and I am excited about getting involved in the many projects that are coming up"



Levenseat are proud to provide an opportunity for newly qualified graduates to take their first steps into the world of resource management, we want to broaden access to the industry and this is a fantastic opportunity for anyone seeking a multidisciplinary role. We are investing in the future of the resource management industry, with a focus on high quality training. We will provide training for all of the skills and knowledge needed to provide a good grounding for a career in the waste management sector.

#### Apprenticeship Programme:

We have began our apprenticeship programme and have so far started two apprentices. Iain Whyte joins us as an electrical apprenticeship and Bayley Brown joins us as an mechanical apprenticeship. Both will be part of the engineering team for our Materials Recycling and Fuel Preparation Facility. We will be putting together a video case study on their experience so far which will be available on our website.

Over the next five years we plan to roll out our apprenticeship programme to other departments including the maintenance, communications and finance teams. This is part of our commitment to make Levenseat a great place to work and our belief that there are many routes to success; whether through formal apprenticeships or on-the-job-training. It also reflects Levenseat's ambition to broaden access to the waste and resource sector.

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### Levenseat in the Community

#### Go4SET:

After almost 10 years of mentoring local schools through the Engineering Development Trusts, Go4Set programme, we are pleased to announce that Lanark Grammar were the proud winners of the Sustainability award at this years Lanarkshire region heats.

The Go4SET project is typically 10 weeks and offers young people in S2 the opportunity to develop skills, inform subject choice and change perceptions about STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) raising awareness of how studying these subjects can lead to a rewarding career. The project includes a launch event, a company visit, and culminates in a celebration at South Lanarkshire Headquarters. Over the course of the project, the students produce a written report, construct a model and deliver a presentation to industry assessors.

Levenseat have been Lanark Grammars Mentor company for the last three years and have helped them to learn about many aspects of the Circular Economy. This year the school chose to focus on food waste and designed a smart compost bin in the shape of a tree to encourage school children to recycle their food waste. The compost produced will be used within the school in brightly coloured planters where they will grow vegetables, to be used in the home economics class. The team have future plans to grow veg for the community and incorporate lessons in school on recycling and the circular economy.

The judges were especially impressed with how well the team had taken the lessons learned at Levenseat and really incorporated them into their project. They commented that they could tell the team really enjoyed the trip to Levenseat and had learned some valuable lessons. The judges went on to say they felt the team should continue with their plans and develop a prototype that could be sold to other schools. Out of all of the teams presenting they felt Lanark Grammar had come up with a concept that was achievable and had real business potential.

Levenseat are extremely proud of the team and their achievement and look forward to taking part again next year.

# Congratulations to Lanark Grammar





## Levenseat in the Community Continued...

### Sponsorship-The West Lothian Foodbank:

Levenseat continue to support the West Lothian foodbank, a charity under extra pressure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our annual donation of £5000 was made at the end of March. The donation covers the charities overhead costs including gas, electricity and transport costs i.e. van hire and fuel for the year.

We are proud to be supporting the foodbank, every day people in Scotland go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems—this really is an extremely worthy cause.

## WEST LOTHIAN FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

### A round up of some of the community groups we've helped:

We have worked with the **Skills Centre, Inclusion & Wellbeing Services** (Whitburn) for a couple of years now. They work with a groups of young people who are working towards their National 4 in Rural Skills. Levenseat are one of their industry visits as part of the qualification. They spend time in our organics department, learning about the composting process.

We have also donated compost to their community project where they have been helping local community projects & members to, landscape their gardens, including Fauldhouse resident, Flora, who turned 100 and was no longer able to look after her own garden.



**Scotland's Homeless Project** is a not for profit organisation based in Carluke. They have recently been given a premises to run a food bank from during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Unfortunately the premises came with some unwanted waste from a previous tenant which has meant they were unable to store food. Levenseat are happy to be able to help them out and have agreed to accept and process the waste free of charge.



Area near the war museum in Fauldhouse



**Cyrenian** are a charity who aim to tackle the causes & consequences of homelessness. One of their projects is a small farm in west Lothian who grow fruit and veg for a charity veg bag scheme. On the farm they have a community of up to 8 young people who are at risk of becoming homeless. The young people are taking part in a project which includes seed sowing and potting of seasonal bedding plants. Levenseat have donated a significant amount of compost to allow the project to take place and covered the delivery cost. This is one of the many example of in kind compost donation.