



COMMUNITY UPDATE



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fully constructed Power Plant with integrated Materials Recycling & Fuel Preparation Plant (picture taken May 2020)

POWER PLANT COMMISSIONING UPDATE

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from-waste/](http://www.levenseat.co.uk/energy-from-waste/)

We have now moved into the next stage of the commissioning journey and as part of the phased commissioning programme the Levenseat Power Plant has achieved operational takeover.

The hand-over to Levenseat comes after M&W, the plant's engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor, completed a 14 day trial to demonstrate the plant's operability.

The next stage for the plant will be to run 60 days of performance trials to demonstrate the facility's reliability and to test various parameters relating to technical performance.

The Levenseat facility is unique to Scotland due to its front-end materials recovery and fuel preparation plant, which opened its doors in September 2017. As well as recovering recyclates the facility prepares the remaining residual waste into a fuel that meets the exact specifications required to ensure a clean and efficient conversion process and to minimise production of ash and other by-products.



LIVING WAGE

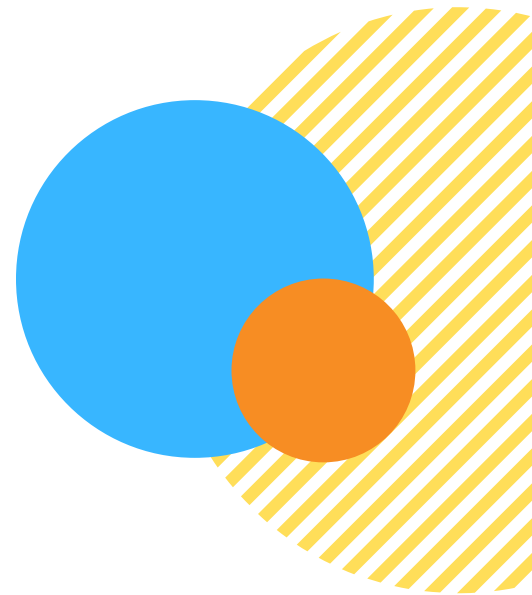
We are delighted to announce that Levenseat is now an accredited living wage employer.



What is the real living wage?

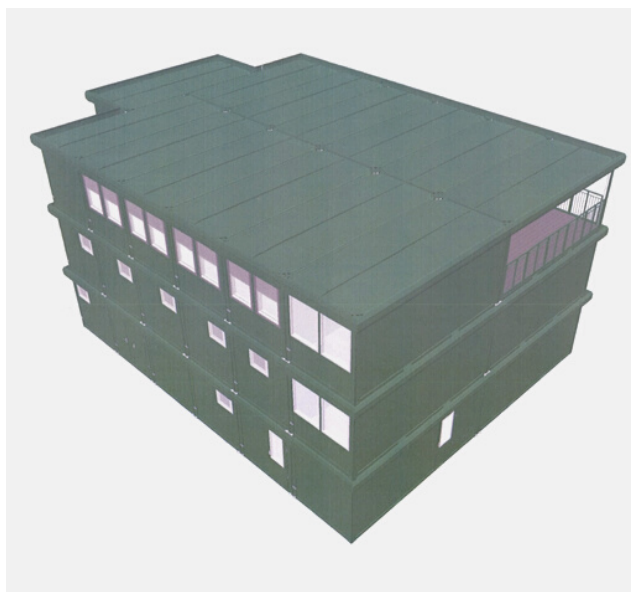
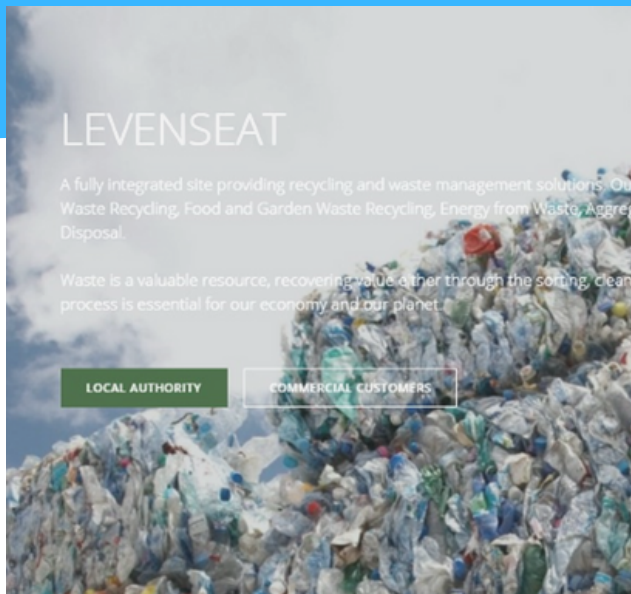
In April 2016 the government introduced a higher minimum wage rate for all staff over 25 years of age. However, the government's national living wage is not calculated according to what employees and their families need to live. The real living wage rates are higher because they are independently-calculated based on what people need to get by. By qualifying for this accreditation we are making a commitment to ensuring our employees earn a wage that meets the costs of living, not just the government minimum.

Commenting on the achievement, Angus Hamilton, Managing Director said "We are really proud to be able to make this commitment, which fits with our value of being a great place to work. The Real living wage is the only rate calculated according to costs of living. It provides a voluntary benchmark for employers that wish to ensure their staff earn a wage they can live on, not just the government minimum. We hope our commitment highlights our dedication to encouraging a positive and kind-hearted culture for the Levenseat Team."



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SCHOOLS RESOURCE

October saw the successful launch of our new website, the new site gives us more control over the design and layout meaning we can offer more educational content and resources for the community to learn what happens to their waste & recycling. We will be working with a few of our local authority customers to build a digital schools resource and also video content of the waste and recycling processes. All of the information will be available through the community tab of our website. Work is well underway and we can't wait to develop the project further.

NEW WELFARE FACILITY

Work on our new welfare facility continues and is on track to be complete by December. The new facility 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.



A BIT OF LOCKDOWN FUN: LITTER FREE CAMPAIGN

We asked local children and young people to use their imagination to come up with a catchy slogan and an engaging poster that could be used to promote the message of keeping their community tidy and free from litter.

We were delighted to received many entries from the local community and we hope to be able to repeat this competition on a regular basis.

Winners were Lucy Macmillan, Riley Mcbeth and Alfie Brand, Each child was thrilled to receive their prize!

Alfie and his family are new to the area. His mum commented that she was excited about the competition as it helped Alfie to engage with their new community even through lockdown.

THE MUNGO FOUNDATION

The Lanark Project is a residential care home service for adults who have learning and support needs, and in some cases associated physical, sensory and mental health support needs. The service is spread across two small separate houses.

This year, The Mungo Foundation, in Lanark, are conducting a project about 'Our Environment'. Due to Covid-19, they were limited on what they could access. Levenscotter donated eco bags, filled with supplies for litter picking in their community. The Foundation plan to help tidy up the gardens and a small area close to the project, to help improve the environment in the area. Alan Urquhart, service user, helped model the kit and he was eager to help keep the community clean.



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In the last edition we explained how we have been supporting the West Lothian food bank for the last couple of years. West Lothian Food Bank provide emergency food and support to local people facing crisis. The foodbank gives three days emergency food to families and individuals within West Lothian. They provide short term help while support agencies put long term strategies in place.

Kathleen, who has worked at the food bank for many years gave a startling statistic, 'During Covid-19, the demand on the food bank has gone by 146%.'

To show our support, Lisa, our Community Engagement Officer made a socially distanced visit to witness their great work and to see the changes they had to make due to COVID-19

Lisa was awed at the work being done at the West Lothian Food Bank, 'Unfortunately, it was extremely evident that COVID has hit West Lothian hard. The demand is high and all the workers at the Food Bank are doing an amazing job, keep up the great work guys.'

This year, as well as providing sponsorship we will be taking part in their reverse advent challenge and supporting them by volunteering to help get ready for christmas.