

## [Corporate report: Regulating the waste industry: evidence summaries](#)

There are reports for 2013 to 2015. Waste industry data for 2016 is included in the [2016 Regulating for people, the environment and growth summary](#).

These annual reports show facts and statistics about the number of permits the Environment Agency issued to the waste industry. They report the amount of waste that was recycled, reused or sent to landfill. The reports also give details of environmental consequences including:

- numbers of serious pollution incidents relating to the waste industry
- the waste industry's environmental performance
- facts about illegal waste

The way society manages waste has changed radically over the last 20 years. More waste is recycled and reused than ever before. This has brought significant environmental benefits, but the many new and innovative waste treatments now available may cause increased risk to the environment if not properly managed. The reports explain how the Environment Agency is adapting its regulatory approach to manage these risks.

See the [2015 datasets that support the 2015 report](#).

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## [Corporate report: Pollution incidents: evidence summaries](#)

These reports are for 2013 to 2015. Pollution incidents data for 2016 is included in the [2016 Regulating for people, the environment and growth summary](#).

These annual reports show serious pollution incidents in England. They provide facts and statistics about:

- the number of serious pollution incidents
- impacts of pollution incidents and their sources
- sectors responsible
- action the Environment Agency takes to reduce pollution incidents
- enforcement action the Environment Agency takes when pollution incidents

happen

Serious pollution incidents can harm people and the environment as well as damage businesses. To cause or allow pollution is against the law. The Environment Agency provides advice and guidance on pollution prevention and also takes enforcement action if a pollution incident happens.

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## **News story: National Apprenticeship Awards 2017 national finalists announced**

Employers and individuals have beaten off tough competition to be named a national finalist and on 18 January 2018, one from each category will win a National Apprenticeship Award, with highly commended finalists also being recognised on the night.

Now in their 14th year, the [National Apprenticeship Awards](#) demonstrate how employers can grow their own talent by offering apprenticeships and how apprentices are making a significant contribution to their workplace.

Successful National Apprenticeship Awards 2017 national finalists have been announced in the following categories:

### **Intermediate Apprentice of the Year**

- Shannon Green, Althams Travel Services Ltd
- Matthew Gustard, Nottingham City Homes Limited
- Ross Jasper, DCH

### **Advanced Apprentice of the Year**

- Heeran Basi, Severn Trent Water Ltd
- Hannah Magowan, Dale Power Solutions
- Megan Whitbread, Troup Bywaters & Anders

### **The Nuclear Decommissioning Site Licence Companies Award for the Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year**

- Christopher Achiampong, IBM
- Charlotte Hughes, GlaxoSmithKline

- Thomas Sherlock, IBM

### **Santander Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year**

- Sarah Barley, South Hunsley School
- Julie Honour-Jones, Sir John Lawes School
- Lois McClure, The Co-op

### **Small Employer of the Year**

- Beauty Oasis Spa
- Ginger Nut Media
- McCarrick Construction

### **Medium Employer of the Year**

- Invotra Limited
- Maycast-Nokes Precision Engineering Ltd
- Superior Seals Ltd

### **The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year**

- Dale Power Solutions Ltd
- Home Group
- Volvo Group UK and Eire

### **The Open University Award for Macro Employer of the Year**

- BBC
- Lloyds Banking Group
- Royal Air Force

### **BAE Systems Award for Newcomer SME of the Year**

- Blue Logic
- Bury St Edmunds Canine Creche
- Lander Automotive Ltd

### **Rolls-Royce Award for Newcomer Large Employer of the Year**

- Magnet
- NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT)
- YBS Group (Yorkshire Building Society)

Also to be announced at the national ceremony will be the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers list 2017, sponsored by Centrica. It features the most exceptional apprenticeship employers from all of the National Apprenticeship Awards employer categories and shows the breadth of employers offering fantastic apprenticeship opportunities.

Sue Husband, Director of the National Apprenticeship Service said:

Announcing award finalists means we are another step closer to the

national final and finding out who has a truly bright future ahead of them. Successful finalists all have fantastic stories to tell and their apprenticeship journey – be it as apprentices, employers or those individuals who go above and beyond to champion apprenticeships – is something I personally look forward to finding out more about and to hear how apprenticeships have benefitted them.

I congratulate everyone who has been named a national finalist today and whatever the outcome on the night, each finalist deserves a huge pat on the back for committing to and delivering successful apprenticeships.

Best of luck to all finalists and thanks once again to our generous sponsors for supporting the 2017 awards.

To find out more about the apprenticeship awards visit [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK).

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## **Research and analysis: Waste crime interventions and evaluation**

The Environment Agency has evaluated the impact of an additional £5 million in funding to tackle waste crime.

Rogue operators undercut legitimate business, evade landfill tax and have a negative impact on people and the environment. Waste crime costs an estimated £1 billion a year from unpaid taxes, lost revenue for legitimate businesses and the associated impacts on people and the environment.

This project was set up to tackle three priority outcome areas: reducing the risk from illegal waste sites, reducing the mis-description of waste, and reducing the illegal export of waste.

The impact evaluation findings show that the Environment Agency's activities in tackling waste crime have a net positive effect on both people and the environment, but also offer good value for money to the taxpayer.

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## **Collection: On The Level newsletters**

*Updated:* Newsletter Issue 16 added

Our newsletter provides news and views from the LLW Repository.