



DIVERT FROM EARTH

Product end of life treatment recycle,
repurpose or recover



Secure destruction of
the brand IP on the
garment



Recycling boxes
provided



RECYCLING SCHEME

SMI's recycling scheme supports our ESG Strategy as we focus on diverting waste from landfill approach to waste and reducing our carbon footprint.

Helping our customers safely dispose of our products once they reach the end of their life cycle reduces our scope 3 activities.

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“LOOKING AT SMI’S DIVERT FROM EARTH SCHEME 2021- JUNE 2024 SMI HAVE SOLD OVER 3,200 BOXES, RECYCLING OR RECOVERING 19,200 KG OF PRODUCTS ON BEHALF OF OUR CUSTOMERS. HELPING TO AVOID AN ESTIMATED 55 TONNES OF GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS DUE TO THIS WASTE BEING DIVERTED BY LANDFILL”

Elizabeth Mellor
ESG Manager, SMI

WHY SHOULD YOU RECYCLE?

Waste management is a common practice across society; monitoring and paying attention to the volume of waste generated within households, businesses, and public areas has become a hot topic as the long-lasting impact of waste on landfills has become more and more of a concern. Modern-day responsible recycling and recovery is a key focus at SMI, following our adopted approach to waste as we are committed to a zero-to-landfill approach to our waste.

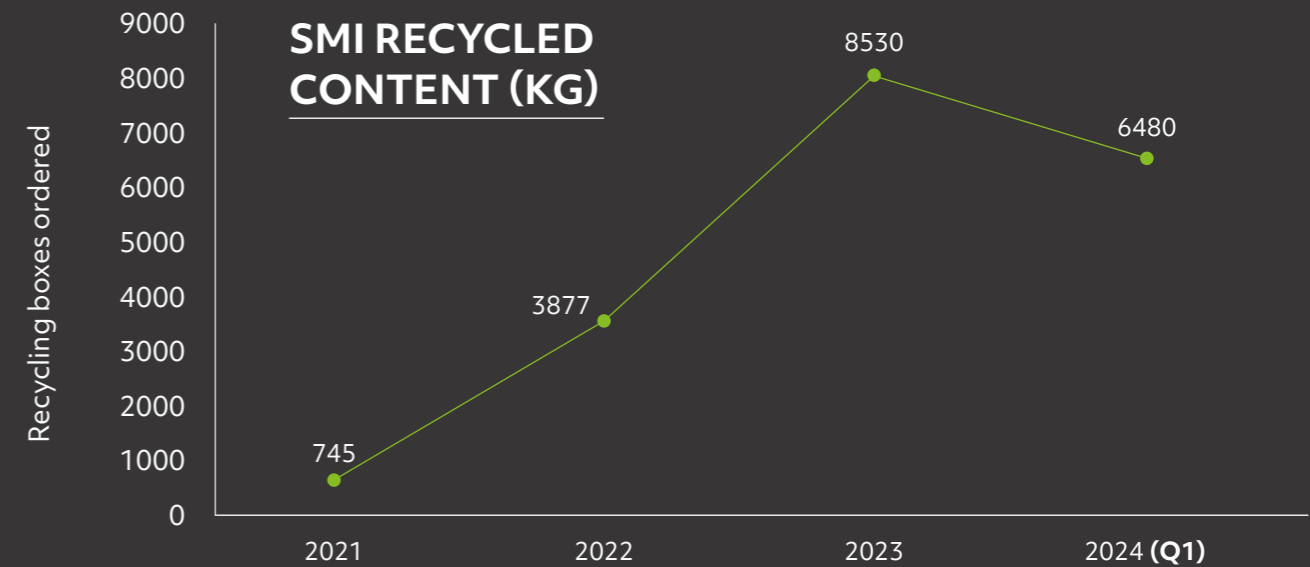
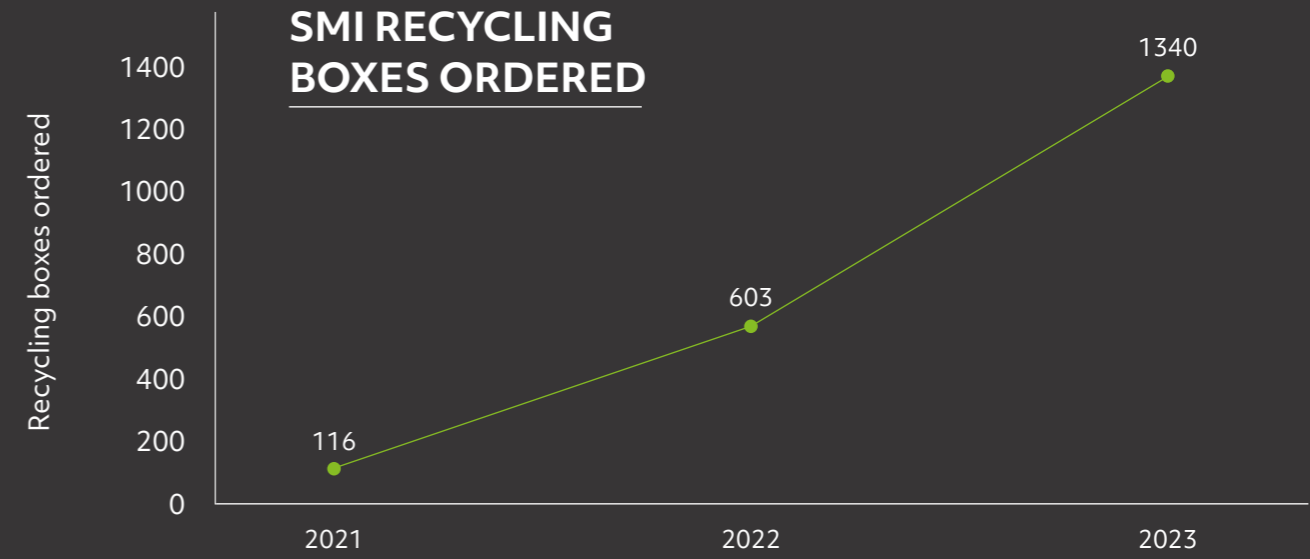
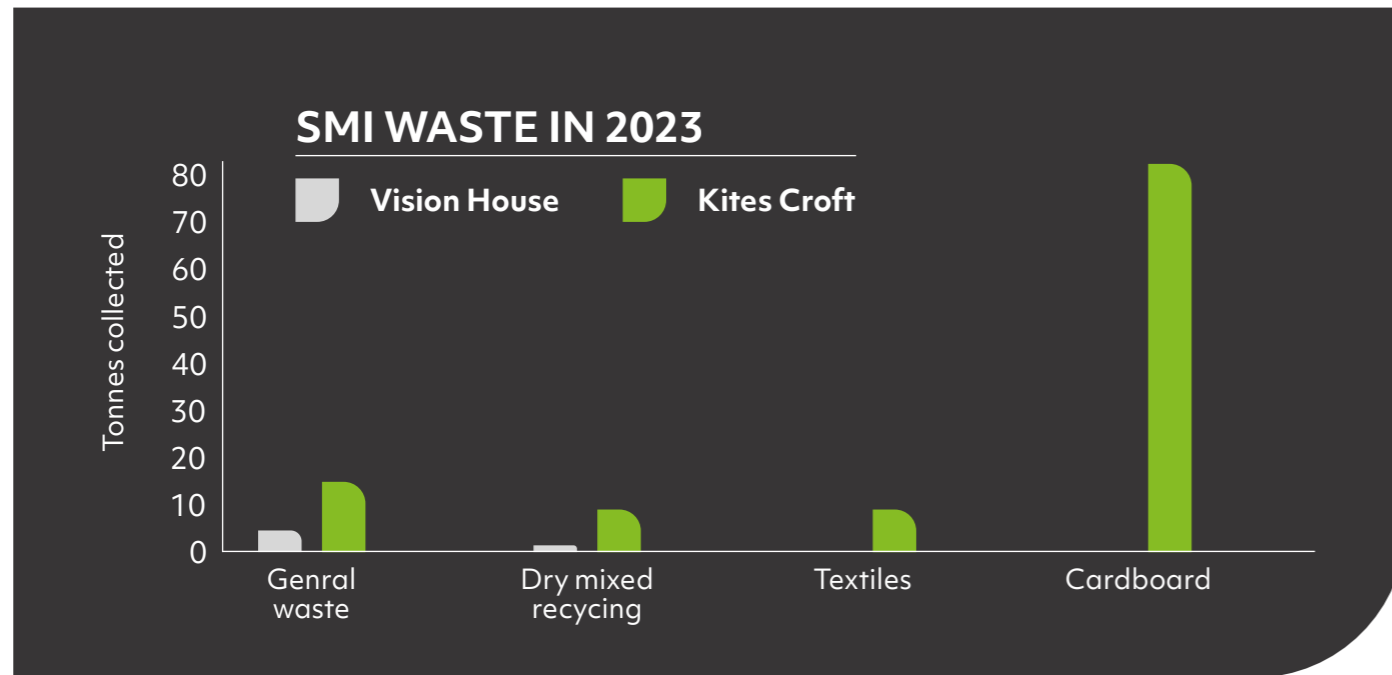
SMI's waste can be broken down into the waste either of our sites generates, and we are looking at how our customers dispose of our products once they reach the end of their life cycle.

"We are committed to a zero-to-landfill approach to our waste."

SMI's Waste:

- The head office generates General waste (Mixed Municipal Waste) and Dry Mixed recycling.
- Kites Croft generates additional waste, including cardboard and textiles.

Supporting our customers to safely and securely recycle, recover or repurpose their purchased products is a big step towards lowering our scope three emissions. Looking at our carbon footprint calculations for our 2022 emissions end, the end-of-life treatment of our products contributed towards 15.7% of our total emissions. As our internal Waste Management system continues to strengthen and our Recycling Schemes grow, it will help SMI achieve our scope reduction goals and carbon target to lower our footprint by 45% by 2030.



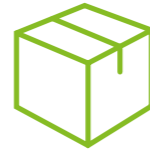
OVERALL OUT OF THE WASTE SMI GENERATES, 93% IS SUCCESSFULLY DIVERTED FROM LANDFILLS EITHER BEING RECYCLED OR RECOVERED!

SMI RECYCLING PROCESS

Our recycling scheme follows the same process as before in many ways, with any changes providing benefits that positively impact the environment.

Step 1

Order your recycling box via MY-SMI or through our website.



Step 2

Fill your box once your products reach the end of their life. Ensure garments have been washed and are not stained or contaminated. Overfilled or mistaped boxes which lead to the boxes splitting may not be accepted or recycled.

Step 3

Once your box is ready for collection, contact your Customer Experience Specialist and we will arrange for DPD to collect it. (We can provide DPD's waste expectation certificate upon request).



Step 4

Bright secure recycling offers a fully sustainable solution, recycling and repurposing 100% of the materials from plastic, textiles and cardboard.

Step 5

SMI can provide you with a recycling certificate upon request.



DO'S AND DON'TS AND ITEMS YOU CAN RECYCLE



Do's

- Wash your garments before recycling them.
- Separate any dirty or oil stained / chemically contaminated boots, gloves, products etc from the clean items.
- Order one of our SMI recycling boxes! Recycling will only be processed if it arrives in our SMI recycling boxes.

Don'ts

- Do not overfill the boxes. Any boxes that have split run the risk of becoming contaminated and SMI reserve the right to return or not process these garments for recycling.
- Mix dirty or contaminated products with clean textiles.
- Forget to add your sales order reference number to your recycling box before it's collected!

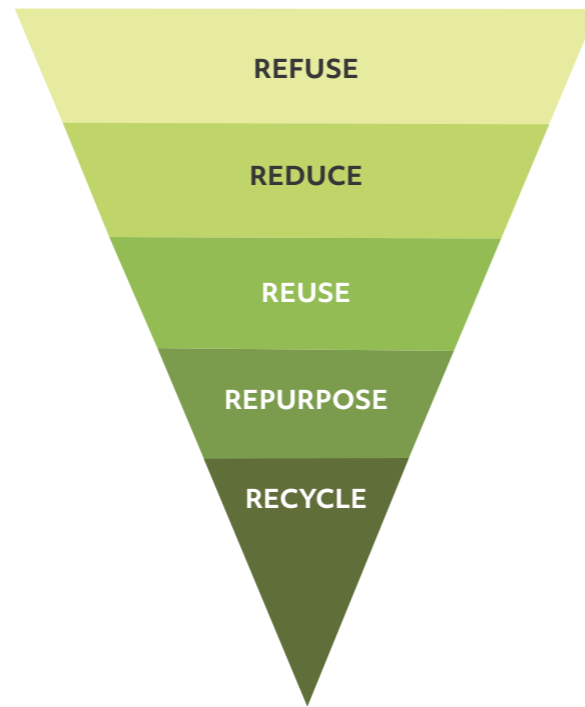


Items that you can recycle:

- Boots (clean)
- Hard hats
- Garments (clean) hi-vis and non hi-vis
- Gloves (clean)
- Ear defenders

THE FIVE R'S AT SMI

According to the 5 R's there are four actions that should be taken before recycling is considered; refuse, reduce, reuse, and repurpose. Implementing this methodology into our business waste reduction plan will ensure our processes are as efficient as possible, minimising the total amount of waste across our business and helping SMI reach its sustainable goals.



Due to the diverse nature of SMI's ESG road map including completing our full scope reporting. We understand the importance of supporting our customers to safely dispose of our products once they reach the end of their life



REFUSE

Making smarter purchasing decisions, refusing excessive product packaging, and reusing supplier's packaging and boxes, where possible, aligns heavily with our Environmental, Social, Governance strategy. We are working with our stakeholders to minimize what we receive by refusing unnecessary waste where possible. We have also reduced the number of non-recyclable products we purchase from our suppliers, as our eco product range continues to grow, offering our customers a broader recycling scheme from the purchase to recycling.



REDUCE

Reducing the use of wasteful and non-recyclable products will have a positive impact on a business's ecological footprint. SMI has focused on the most used materials our business has used over the past few years, including single use plastic, plastic packaging, and paper, to see where improvements could be made to reduce our waste. Since 2022, SMI has removed over 4m poly bags, equating 65,000 kg of plastic from our operations.

During 2021 we implemented a paperless warehouse management system at our distribution centre, which has already significantly reduced our paper consumption. Global urgent action is needed to reduce

plastic waste, and SMI have taken several steps to do their bit to combat this issue. These steps include removing plastic bagging from products across orders and using DPD green packing, which is made from 80% reclaimed materials and is 100% recyclable. Another step SMI have taken looks at our offsetting project which is dedicated to cleaning up plastic from the ocean. This project is a commitment to collecting 10kg of plastic for tonne of CO₂ that is offset. SMI offset 434,000kg of carbon which is the equivalent of 217,000kg of plastic collected from the ocean after the emissions is split across the two projects we support.

A PAPERLESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT SMI'S DISTRIBUTION CENTRE, HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED PAPER CONSUMPTION



REUSE

A 'throw-away' culture in consumer behaviour has led to one of the world's greatest environmental challenges. Single use plastic is an increasing issue, placing more emphasis and priority on reusing products across supply chains and in the workplace. SMI has replaced all single use eating utensils to recycled bamboo or paper alternatives and encourage the reuse of any packaging at our distribution centre.

REPURPOSE

Repurposing products is commonly known in the green community as upcycling, a popular method which can extend a product's lifecycle through creativity and innovation. We repurpose cardboard boxes where possible, both at our Head Office for storage and at our Distribution Centre. Suitable returned products are collated, stripped of branding, and repurposed within our local communities as we donate to homeless charities.



RECYCLE

Recycling is a commonly used word throughout society, however very few truly understand its meaning and the process behind recycling different materials. Responsible recycling has been a key focus for SMI since we started our sustainable journey. Since launching our textile recycling scheme, we have been exploring different methods we can offer our customers for their remaining uniform and PPE including footwear, safety helmets, gloves, and other plastic related items. Through extensive research we have gained a

deeper understanding of what it truly means to recycle, and truthfully for the time being not all PPE can be 100% recycled. More challenging materials or products cannot be 100% recycled, however there are other ways to prolong a product's life cycle. Products can be donated, repurposed, and converted into Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) which is energy from waste products. SMI have successfully recovered 370kg of waste, repurposed 3% with the remaining 95% of products being recycled.



BRIGHT SOLUTIONS RECYCLE UPWARDS OF 50,000KG OF CLOTHES AND TEXTILES EVERY WEEK

Bright Solutions

BRIGHT SECURE RECYCLING



Bright Secure Recycling has been a leading innovative recycling specialist since 1998, focusing on universal typical difficult waste to recycle. Adopting a unique business model with a zero to landfill approach and promoting a circular economy turning recycled waste into new market products were possible.

Once your recycling boxes arrive at Bright Secure the materials are shredded or recovered within 24-48 hours. Suitable recycled materials are then carefully crafted into dog friendly products.

Clothing

Bright Secure Recycling have been providing a zero – landfill sustainable recycling solution for the past 24 years. Successfully recycling 1.2 million tonnes of waste and won 26 awards, the wide range of bespoke waste disposal offerings support a number of business as we all take the necessary steps to have a positive impact on the environment.

The majority of your products you will be recycling through our scheme will be processed via closed – loop recycling.

What is Closed-Loop Recycling?

This is the process in which a product is used, recycled and then made into a new product therefore not ending up in landfill.

The significance of this recycling process is the reduced risk to the environment, natural habitat and pollution helping to avoid green house gases which otherwise would be generated from the labour and extraction of materials from virgin resources.

Plastics: How does it work

The plastic waste is processed with any contaminated material removed. The next step is to shred and granulate the plastic into pellets and then be inputted into the injection moulder machine. This requires 3 key steps before the new recycled product is created.

Step 1) Granules are put into the injection moulder

Step 2) The injection moulder press melts the granules into a liquified substance.

Step 3) Which then travels through pressurised space and it is moulded into the new recycled end product.

Bright Solution Recycling will create a range of products from the plastic including:

- Watering Cans
- House Hold Buckets
- Drink bottles

THE PRODUCTS



SMI RECYCLING CERTIFICATES

We can provide our customers with our SMI Recycling Certificate on a quarterly or annual basis.

BY UTILISING SMI'S RECYCLING SCHEME YOU COULD

XXXXXX
Saved total GHG emissions

XXXXXX
Dog beds made from your textiles

XXXXXX
Helped avoid total GHG emissions

THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO:

XXXXXX
Miles in a standard petrol car

XXXXXX
Days of electricity to power a lightbulb

XXXXXX
Trees being planted



SMI RECYCLING SCHEME



PRICING

PRODUCT CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
OWS.9622	x1 120L RECYCLING BOX	£17.50

Want to know more?

Call us on 1428 658333 and ask to speak to Recycling Team or email recycling@smigroupuk.com



**'We're working hard to provide the same level of protection
we offer our customers to the planet and its people.'**

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