

Recycling Forum Newsletter

Following feedback received from the latest Recycling Forum, which was held at the Millennium Forest and then Horse Point Landfill Site on Friday 28th June, I have adopted a 'newsletter' style format to highlight 'hot topics' since the last Forum.

The bi-monthly newsletter will serve as a summary of topics discussed and used to further promote the need for, and success of, reducing, reusing and recycling.

Recycling Forum – Millennium Forest and Horse Point Landfill Site June 2013



Plastic Bottle Recycling at Millennium Forest

Currently there is a need to save plastic bottles in case the water shortage situation worsens, however, post drought precautions plastic bottles of all sizes will be useful at Millennium Forest for the plant preservation work being undertaken by the St Helena National Trust (SHNT).

Plastic bottles may be delivered directly to;

SHNT at Broadway House

or

EMD at Essex House



Horse Point Landfill Site Restoration Project

As part of the re-development of Horse Point Landfill Site certain areas that have been compacted and capped are in need of restoration. The St Helena National Trust have an abundance of Gumwood, Ebony and Hair Grass (all endemics) that were earmarked for another site, that is no longer available, hence the need for re-planting elsewhere.

Through discussions held during the June Forum, followed by an on-site meeting at Horse Point on Monday 1st July, EMD, SHNT and H&SW (Environmental Health) have initiated a project to test plant up to 400 plants (200 Gumwood and 100 each of Ebony and Hair Grass) within a 20m x 20m area on the site.

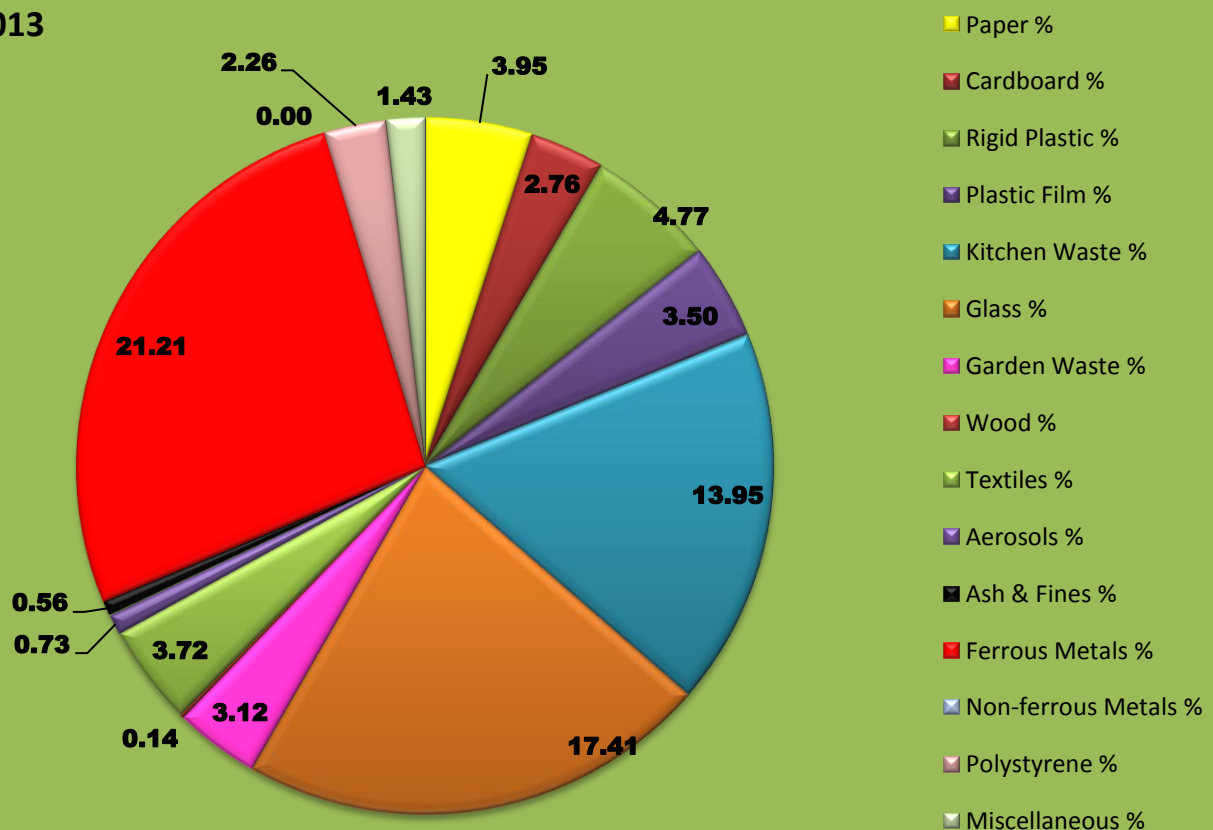
On Friday 5th July members of ENRD (including EMD) and SHNT will work on site at Horse Point to commence the restoration, the results of which will determine the possibility of further restoration, through planting of endemics, as the need arises across the site. The media have been invited to the event for publicity purposes for all parties involved.

Ross Towers of SHNT said 'this is a great example of what can happen with a few like-minded people moving forward positively. By the end of Friday, in the space of just one week, we should have over 400 plants in the ground on an old refuse site. The start of a great partnership hopefully'!



Ross test digging the area to be planted, under the watchful eye of Bill Scanes – Project Manager for the re-development of Horse Point Landfill Site

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The latest result of the 'Waste Wheel' show the top three percentages of wastes being disposed of as; Ferrous Metals at 21.21%, Glass at 17.41% and Organic Waste at 13.95%.

The organic waste percentage has decreased since the January results, possibly because of positive promotion of the benefits of home composting and through community efforts such as the composting at the Millennium Forest, but there is still opportunity to reduce this percentage even further. The results show that glass wastage is increasing but we are hopeful that glass recycling will soon be re-established, with assistance from Enterprise St Helena (ESH). Ferrous Metals (cans and such like) are still a concern and the urgent need for an initiative to reduce this waste stream still exists.

The next Recycling Forum is scheduled for August 2013 (date, time and venue to be confirmed)

In the meantime I would be grateful if you would promote the Recycling Forum within your organisation. Even though the current attendance is low, collectively we are making progress towards the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste materials for the benefit of our local and global environments. We would welcome your ideas for future initiatives and opportunities and attendance by others who wish to contribute towards this important work area.

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