

## Sam Saxby

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Dear Sam,

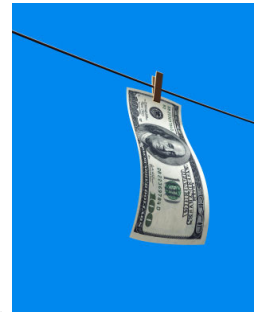
Our next BBEF event at Britvic is a *sellout* - and our next session is booking fast... book your place now to avoid disappointment!

### Talking The Green Stuff - funding for environmental improvements

12-2pm (lunch included) 25th September, Leeds/Bradford Cedar Court Hotel

Come along to find out more about what funding there may be to help your project and find out how to maximise your chances of making a successful application.

**Business Link Innovation Voucher:** can help you buy specialist advice to the value of **£3,000** to progress an innovative project. **BREIG Capital Funding: 20% grants** towards equipment that saves energy, raw material or water and funds to help with the cost of consultancy or training. **Shell Springboard:** annual competition looking for products or services which are innovative, commercially viable and will lead to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. 8 awards of **£40,000** available. **Carbon Trust Interest Free Loan:** can offer interest free loans of **£3,000** to **£400,000** help you with purchases that make energy savings.



**Booking Information:** to book your free place email [events@bbef.org.uk](mailto:events@bbef.org.uk) or call 01274 230050

### Job Vacancy!

Bradford Environmental Action Trust are seeking a [Community Building Energy Specialist](#). Circa £26k and fully funded until October 2010.

The successful candidate will be working with community buildings in West Yorkshire and the South Pennine Leader Area to reduce their carbon footprint, increasing knowledge and awareness and enabling organisations to adopt good practice. **Closing date 2nd September!**



## Food Collection in Calderdale

Businesses, schools, hospitals and other organisations in the Calderdale Areas can now benefit from a separate food waste collection and composting service.



Any businesses/school or other organisation producing food waste within a 10 mile radius of Todmorden, Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge, Halifax or Bradford may be eligible to join the service.

For further details of the service contact Rosie McTiernan 01274718420 at Bradford Environmental Action Trust email [rosie@whywaste.org.uk](mailto:rosie@whywaste.org.uk).

## Seminars, Courses & Training

### September

- 8th - [Carbon management: Are you on target?](#) Sheffield
- 9th - [An Inconvenient Region](#): support for environmental improvements: Hull & the South Bank
- 9th & 10th - [The Energy Event](#), Birmingham
- 25th - [Go Green and Reduce Costs](#), Wakefield
- 29th & 30th - [The Carbon Show](#), London
- 15th to 17th - [Recycling and Waste Management](#), Birmingham
- 18th - [Green Streams](#) launch, Huddersfield
- 29th - [Site Waste Management Plans](#) 1 Year On, Sheffield



### October

- 6th - [Reduce your energy and waste disposal costs](#), Kirklees
- 22nd - [Waste Not, Want Not](#): Bridlington, Hull & Grimsby
- 23rd - [Sustainable profits through sustainable development](#), Manchester
- 27th - [Understanding Landscape and Ecology issues](#) on site, Sheffield

## Funding News and Awards



Innovator 2009 - [Sustainability Innovation Award](#)  
[Wood Fuel](#) Infrastructure Programme  
 Carbon Trust [research fund](#) coming to an end  
 St Andrew's [Prize for the Environment](#) - \$75,000  
[Alternative transport fuel](#) infrastructure grants

## News Update

[Red Bull](#) hit by biggest waste fine in UK history  
[North East](#) selected to be Green Car Specialists  
 Short [knowledge transfer](#) partnerships announced  
[NHS](#) set out to reduce their carbon footprint - 3% of the UK's total  
 Dublin and London announce [bike schemes](#)  
 London switches [traffic lights](#) to LEDs  
 Environmental consultancies [buck recession](#) trend  
 Consent given for [Tees biomass](#) station  
 Boris' plans for a [Green Roof London](#)  
 Britain's coming [energy crunch](#)  
[Eco-innovation fund](#) launched for London



South Yorkshire [WEEE charity recycling](#)  
[Tees biogas plant](#) announced  
[Dairy industry](#) starts carbon footprinting  
[GHD](#) Fined after waste packaging regs infringed  
 Carbon debate - [tag high users](#) to share blame says study  
[Indonesian debt written off](#) in return for forest protection  
[Peru](#) pays indigenous populations to preserve land

## Online Guides & Legislation Updates

2009 DEFRA [Energy Digest](#) available  
 DIY Guide to doing an environmental review on a [construction project](#)  
 New [ecodesign standard](#) for lamps  
[Batteries legislation](#) update  
 Guidance update for [metals processing and production](#)  
[Waste incineration](#) guidance update



## Local News

[Leeds](#) 'Eco-Town' announced  
 Anaerobic Digestion - UK's biggest facility goes ahead in [Selby](#)  
 Green roofs on the way for [Manchester](#)  
[Rixonway](#) focus on Green Transport  
[Leeds](#) 3rd worst in UK for CO2 pollution  
[Yorkshire Water](#) win Water Efficiency Award



## Feedback Requested!

Three different groups have approached BBEF to ask us to circulate surveys as they are really keen to get business views.

1. Bradford District Environment Partnership  
 What are businesses in Bradford are doing to reduce their carbon footprint? What support do you need to become more energy efficient? Please complete this [quick online survey](#) to let us know. The Partnership has some funding to help reduce district carbon emissions and it would like to use this to help businesses become more energy efficient. This survey will help us to decide how best to do this.
2. University of Sheffield Sustainable Development Survey  
 As part of a PhD project, the University of Sheffield are studying about relationships between sustainable development and corporate environmental behaviour. The purpose of the survey is to examine your organisation's perceptions of sustainable development and environmental activities in your organisation. The [anonymous survey](#) will take about 15 minutes to complete.
3. University of Sheffield Environmental Programmes Survey  
 As part of a masters dissertation, this study is looking at what environmental programmes businesses are undertaking. If you don't mind sharing information on what you are currently doing, please click [here](#) for the survey.



## EU support for eco-tourism

Hotels in the UK and the rest of Europe can learn from the experiences of other hoteliers about

becoming more environmentally friendly, thanks to a project backed by the EU. A CD ROM toolkit has been developed to increase knowledge about sustainable tourism and help hoteliers interested in adopting the European Eco-label for tourist accommodation services (ELTAS).

 green armchair

The toolkit includes an audit tool, a description of good practices, a methodology for simple cost / benefit analysis and a decision-making tool. It covers such topics as energy efficiency, water and waste management and nature conservation.

To find out more about this project and other schemes like it in the EU, contact the [Enterprise Europe Yorkshire](#) team.

#### Last but not least...

[Captain Kirk](#) has waded in to battle Hewlett Packard 'hazardous computers', whilst [woollen coffins](#) prove a winner for Hainsworths in Halifax

Don't forget that BBEF is here to help - give us a call any time with your questions and queries.

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