BRISTOL WOOD RECYCLING PROJECT

In partnership with

Community Wood Recycling

Working together to

✓save resources
✓change lives

01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023

Bristol Wood Recycling Project is a social enterprise collecting and reusing waste wood in the most environmentally beneficial way while creating jobs and training for disadvantaged people.

Our service is based on the principles of the circular economy; by saving wood we are building a more sustainable society. We promote community reuse, one of the most powerful tools available to fight waste.

This labour-intensive activity provides a wide range of disadvantaged people - including ex-offenders, those coming through substance abuse, learning difficulties, or mental health issues - with the means to build their confidence and self-esteem. They learn new skills, helping them to overcome barriers to finding employment. We estimate that every tonne of wood collected also saves around half a tonne of carbon emissions.

Impact estimates are based on the self-reported outcomes of the community wood recycling enterprise over the indicated period.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Bristol Wood Recycling Project

438.2 tonnes rescued from the waste stream

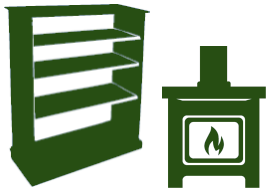
CO_2 218.0 tonnes saved

11.8 paid jobs created

78.0 people trained

Bristol Wood Recycling Project:

- ✓ **uses less fuel** than skip collection
- ✓ **reuses wood** more efficiently than recycling
- ✓ **displaces timber** from logging
- ✓ **never landfills** any of what we collect
- ✓ **changes lives** for the better



137.7 tonnes reused

31.4% was pushed up the waste hierarchy into **REUSE**; used by the community for DIY/ building projects or as firewood, or made into a whole range of beautiful products from bird boxes to dining tables.

300.5 tonnes recycled

68.6% was sent for **RECYCLING** into woodchip, used in the manufacture of particleboard, animal bedding, or as carbon neutral fuel in power stations.