



West of Scotland
Branch

Environment and Waste Management Group Report

Thursday 24th Feb 2022

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Legal update:

No updates.

EWMG will be introducing new appointed members at the next group committee on 18th March 2022. Details will be provided in the next report.

EWMG Webinars across IOSH recommendations:

Feb 23rd, 2022: "Environmental and Waste Management Group: HSE Inspection, enforcement and engagement issues (waste and recycling)"

A very interesting presentation by Principle HSE inspector Tim small on waste and recycling sector who discussed the regulatory framework in the waste sector including regulatory bodies: Including WISH/ESA/LARAC as well as DEFRA.

- The strategic themes of WISH were highlighted including safe and healthier workplaces, training and competence future innovation and supporting SMEs.
- Tim advised that the WISH AGM will be held on 14/15th sept 2022 in Birmingham for those who want to participate in group discussions. See www.wishforum.org.uk .
- Three case studies were presented which covered fatalities, fines and other RIDDOR reported activities. HSE campaign 2020/2021 had 849 visits. Targeting machinery safety and workplace transport which are the main causes of fatalities. Of 322 sites 40% had clear breaches of the regulations. 154 notices served, of which 32 on workplace transport and 31 on machinery safety.
- In 2022/2023: 50 visits are due on anaerobic digestion at various sites and 500 visits targeted on machinery safety which will coincide with new guidance from WISH.
- There was a power point presentation and recording which hopefully can be found on IOSH webinar pages.

Feb 24th 2022 SWiTCHE webinar :

Stuart Richardson, SHEQ Manager, Brewster Bross

Stuart is an experienced regional quality assurance manager with an established history or working in the construction and manufacturing industry.

This webinar will provide practical insights into the operations of the Brewster Bros Site, and an overview of their Health & Safety Practices.

More information on switch events can be found on this link ;

[Upcoming Events – SWITCH \(switchforum.org.uk\)](https://switchforum.org.uk)