

# NERF



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**20TH NOVEMBER 2024**  
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Bio Capital owns and operates a growing portfolio of Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plants and are one of the largest AD energy producers in the UK. We collect and process food and other organic waste. We then convert this material into renewable energy, biomethane, vehicle fuel, renewable co 2 and a high-quality biofertiliser - Energro.

Bio Capital exemplifies the circular economy in action today. Our purpose is to make a real contribution to the UK's transition to Net Zero and have a positive and tangible impact on the environment.

Warrens Emerald Biogas, our largest AD facility, is located in the North East of England. This state-of-the-art site plays a pivotal role in our operations.

Working closely with the waste transport company Warrens Group, Warrens Emerald Biogas converts food waste collected locally into renewable energy, biofertiliser and biomethane Gas – via an onsite fuel station this gas is then used by collection vehicles.

The biomethane produced is also injected into the local Gas Grid, helping to heat local homes and businesses as a renewable alternative to natural gas.

The facility not only supports regional sustainability efforts but also contributes significantly to the local economy by creating green jobs and fostering partnerships with surrounding businesses and communities. Emerald Biogas exemplifies our commitment to innovative waste solutions and environmental stewardship in the North East.



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# OUR SPEAKERS



## JEFF MOFFITT, CHAIR, NORTH EAST RECYCLING FORUM

### WELCOME TO THE NERF 35TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Jeff has been the Chair of NERF for nearly 25 years, and was previously the Waste, Recycling and Contracts Manager for Gateshead Council. Jeff started work in environmental services in 1990 and attended his first NERF meeting at Gateshead Civic Centre.

Jeff has steered the NERF through the past 25 years, helping establish a NERF Executive Board, and the Friends of NERF membership scheme.

"What makes NERF unique is that it's not driven by business interests. It's a genuine collaboration between local authorities, businesses, and other stakeholders. There's no hidden agenda, and that's something we've worked hard to maintain."



## HARRIET LAMB, CEO, WRAP

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

Passionate about environmental and social issues, Harriet is an experienced leader who, in the UK and globally, built the Fairtrade movement – a certification scheme that sets standards to make trade fairer, working with producers in the developing world as well as thousands of companies and retailers.

She has also led Ashden, which promotes climate solutions in the UK and globally, and International Alert, a peacebuilding organisation. She worked in the UK on refugee and low-pay issues and lived in India for six years.

Harriet joined WRAP as CEO in March 2023 with an ambitious vision to scale our impact in the UK and internationally. Harriet has won several awards including a CBE, Orange Businesswoman of the Year, and Cosmopolitan EcoQueen. She was also the first woman Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and has published two books on social and environmental movements for change.







## **STUART HAYWARD-HIGHAM, CHIEF TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION OFFICER, SUEZ**

### **POLICY TRANSITION - A PRACTICAL ROUTE MAP FOR CHANGE**

Currently responsible for a range of strategy, policy, commercial and innovation development activities for SUEZ UK, delivering solutions to meet the business and customer future needs. Stuart works across the whole value chain from collection to end of waste in SUEZ and across the value chain from working on how packaging design influences waste outcomes to new products from waste such as repaired and reused items to fuels and chemicals from residual waste.

Stuart has over 30 years' of experience in the industry and has amassed wide technical and commercial skills and experience in the systems of waste and resource management, markets, strategy, technologies and the environment.

## **JAKE KINGSLEY, pERP SCHEME ADMINISTRATOR - TEAM LEADER, DEFRA**

### **EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

Jake is a Delivery Team Leader for the UK Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Scheme Administrator. Based within the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Jake is responsible for the delivery of several key aspects of the Scheme Administrator, including future inter-governmental agreements, ways of working with Regulators and the coordination of the Scheme Administrator's statutory obligations.

Jake is also responsible for the development of the Scheme Administrator's operating model and will lead on continuous improvement. Jake has worked within Defra since 2019 on the delivery of a number of key programmes.



## **HENRY IRVING, SENIOR LECTURER, LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY**

### **REFLECTIONS ON RECYCLING IN THE PAST**

Henry Irving is a senior lecturer in public history at Leeds Beckett University. He is an expert on the history of waste and held a British Academy innovation fellowship (2023-24) to work with WRAP to identify lessons from recycling in the past.



## **DURHAM TOWN HALL**

### **20TH NOVEMBER 2024**

<b>9.30AM</b>	EXHIBITION, COFFEE AND NETWORKING
<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>ALAN PATRICKSON, CORPORATE DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CLIMATE CHANGE, DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNCILLOR MARK WILKES</b> WELCOME TO DURHAM TOWN HALL
<b>10.05AM</b>	<b>JEFF MOFFITT</b> CHAIR'S WELCOME
<b>10.15AM</b>	<b>HARRIET LAMB, CEO, WRAP</b> KEYNOTE SPEECH
<b>10:40AM</b>	<b>STUART HAYWARD-HIGHAM, CHIEF TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT &amp; INNOVATION OFFICER, SUEZ RECYCLING &amp; RECOVERY UK</b> POLICY TRANSITION - A PRACTICAL ROUTE MAP FOR CHANGE
<b>11.05AM</b>	NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION
<b>11.35AM</b>	<b>JAKE KINGSLEY, pERP SCHEME ADMINISTRATOR - TEAM LEADER, DEFRA</b> EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY
<b>12PM</b>	<b>HENRY IRVING, SENIOR LECTURER, LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY</b> REFLECTIONS ON RECYCLING IN THE PAST
<b>12.25PM</b>	QUESTIONS
<b>1PM</b>	LUNCH, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

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# MEET THE NERF EXECUTIVE



**JEFF MOFFITT**  
NERF CHAIR



**JO HOLMES**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
GENEE CONSULTING LTD &  
NERF SECRETARIAT



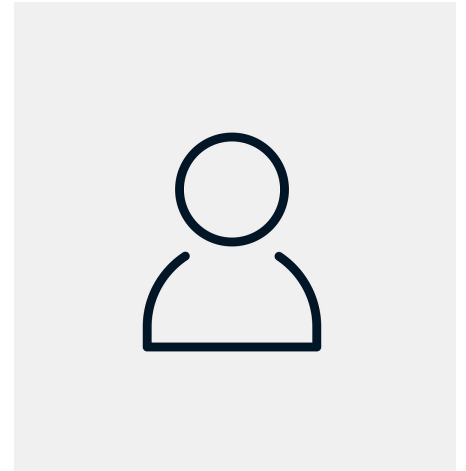
**VICTORIA BURRELL**  
WASTE STRATEGY TEAM  
MANAGER, DURHAM COUNTY  
COUNCIL



**ASHLEY COOPER**  
NERF EXECUTIVE



**MARTIN CRACKNELL**  
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DIRECTOR, BIO RECYCLING  
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**WENDY FAIL**  
SENIOR WASTE MANAGEMENT  
OFFICER, NORTHUMBERLAND  
COUNTY COUNCIL



**ELLEN HOLMES**  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR,  
GENEE CONSULTING LTD



**JASON MITCHELL**  
WASTE MANAGER, THE  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE  
HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

# MEET THE NERF EXECUTIVE



**PETER MOODY**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE,  
GAP GROUP NORTH EAST



**ALYCE MORRIS**  
PROJECT MANAGER,  
WASTEPACK



**AMANDA PADFIELD**  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
SECTOR DEVELOPMENT,  
SUEZ



**GARY SMITH**  
CONTRACT MANAGER,  
SOUTH TYNE & WEAR WASTE  
MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP



**GARY WALLACE,**  
AREA ENVIRONMENT MANAGER -  
REGULATED INDUSTRY,  
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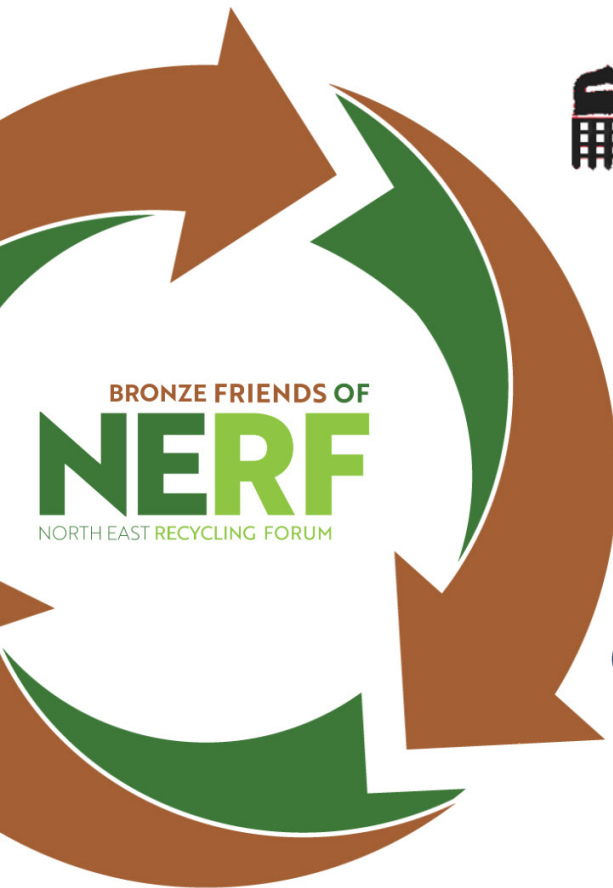


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*All funds raised by this initiative will ensure the future of the North East Recycling Forum. Without funding the NERF will no longer be able to host quarterly events and networking opportunities.*



The North East Recycling Forum offers members the opportunity to increase their profile amongst the forum and beyond by becoming a 'Friend of the NERF':

<p><b>GOLD</b> <b>£1000 P/Y</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stand space at NERF Annual Conference</li> <li>• Company logo on NERF welcome slides at each meeting.</li> <li>• 48 hrs priority booking for all NERF events.</li> <li>• Opportunities to present at NERF meetings on relevant topics.</li> <li>• Opportunities to display your companies promotional literature at NERF meetings.</li> <li>• Listed as a Friend of the NERF on all NERF correspondence.</li> <li>• Use of the Friend of the NERF logo on your company literature.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SILVER</b> <b>£500 P/Y</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stand space at the NERF Annual Conference.</li> <li>• Opportunities to display your companies promotional literature at NERF meetings.</li> <li>• 48 hrs priority booking for all NERF events.</li> <li>• Listed as a Friend of the NERF on all NERF correspondence.</li> <li>• Use of the Friend of the NERF logo on your company literature.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BRONZE</b> <b>£250 P/Y</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities to display your companies promotional literature at NERF meetings.</li> <li>• 48 hrs priority booking for all NERF events.</li> <li>• Listed as a Friend of the NERF on all NERF correspondence.</li> <li>• Use of the Friend of the NERF logo on your company literature.</li> </ul>

# NERF'S NEW WEBSITE



THE NERF WEBSITE IS NOW HOSTED ON [WWW.NERF.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NERF.ORG.UK)

WE'LL BE USING THIS TO SHARE ALL UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION, AS WELL AS NEWS FROM THE SECTOR.

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## WELCOME TO THE NORTH EAST RECYCLING FORUM

A forum for the public, private and community sector to share best practice in waste and Recycling issues.

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# SOWING THE SEEDS FOR COLLABORATION: 35 YEARS OF THE NERF



The North East Recycling Forum (NERF) has been running in the sector since 1989, making this year the 35th anniversary. The NERF acts as a forum for the public, private and community sector to come together and share best practice in resource management issues. It runs quarterly meetings with an annual conference taking place each November.

This year's Annual Conference will be a special celebration of these 35 years, with some fantastic speakers and taking place in the impressive Durham Town Hall, as sponsored by our Bronze Friends of NERF, Durham County Council. As the NERF reaches 35 years, we've taken some time to reflect on the development of the sector with some of the longstanding NERF Executive members and Friends of NERF.

Jo Holmes is currently the NERF secretariat through her business Genee Consulting Ltd, and first became involved in 1999 when she worked for the Environmental Industries Federation (EIF). She recalls that NERF was less formal at the time, functioning on an ad hoc basis. By 2006, Jo had fully taken over the secretariat, steering the organisation through a critical period of sustainability.

"It was important to make NERF more structured and self-sufficient," Jo notes, reflecting on the challenges of managing the forum through difficult times, including the austerity measures that followed the 2008 financial crisis. "One of the things I'm most proud of is how we've grown NERF and introduced the Friends of NERF (FON) to ensure its longevity. Many other regional networks closed due to funding cuts, but we've kept going."

The Friends of NERF scheme is a membership model whereby organisations from across the region become official supporters of the North East Recycling Forum by paying an annual fee, helping to fund the forum's activities and ensure meetings and events remain free to attend for the wider NERF network. Friends of NERF receive a number of benefits, such as exhibition opportunities at annual conference, pre-sale booking access to NERF events and promotion of the organisation in NERF literature and online.

Affirming Jo's comments, Nathan Hughes, Business Development Manager at Alfred H Knight International, who are a Bronze Friend of NERF, said: "I always look forward to the NERF events and would highly recommend joining. I have looked for similar groups to that of NERF in the North West and down in the South, they simply don't exist."

This resilience in the face of financial uncertainty, Jo adds, was made possible through fostering a welcoming atmosphere and creating a strong sense of community among members. "It feels like old friends coming together, but we're always open to new people," she says. "We've managed to attract great people to the NERF Executive, which has helped us stay relevant and dynamic."

Jeff Moffitt is the current Chair of the NERF and was previously the Waste, Recycling and Contracts Manager for Gateshead Council. Jeff has been the Chair of NERF for nearly 25 years and during this time there has been a monumental change across the industry with new and innovative collection, treatment, and communication developments. When discussing the longevity of NERF, Jeff also emphasizes that the forum's inclusive, non-competitive nature has been key to its long-term survival. "What makes NERF unique is that it's not driven by business interests. It's a genuine collaboration between local authorities, businesses, and other stakeholders. There's no hidden agenda, and that's something we've worked hard to maintain."

At its inception, NERF's goal was straightforward: to create a platform for sharing best practice in a sector that was still in its infancy. Ashley Cooper has worked for over 40 years across the scope waste management sector during his career: as a Local Authority Waste Manager; a County Waste Regulation Officer; an Environment Protection Manager for the Environment Agency and latterly, Managing Director of Premier Waste Management Ltd. Throughout, Ashley has sat on the NERF Executive. He recalls the significance of NERF's creation:

"In the early days, the waste industry was heavily landfill-focused. Up until the mid-1980s, the idea of recycling was in its infancy," Ashley explains. "Waste disposal contractors were the big hitters back then, and NERF was set up to give smaller operators a chance to come together and share best practice in what was still a new and emerging sector."

Although NERF has grown and evolved over the years, its mission has remained remarkably consistent. "We've stayed true to our original goal of being a platform for knowledge-sharing," Jo says. "We've never tried to speak on behalf of the entire sector. Instead, we've focused on creating an open network for people to learn from one another."

One of NERF's greatest strengths is its ability to bring people together for networking and knowledge-sharing. As Jo points out, NERF meetings are often nearly sold out even before the agenda is released, a testament to the value that members place on the forum. "Networking is essential, and our members appreciate the opportunity to come together, vent about industry frustrations, and exchange ideas," she says.

Jeff agrees, adding that NERF's impact goes beyond networking. "Over the years, we've inspired people and sown the seeds for collaboration. We've had high-level speakers, and sometimes people just need a platform to share their experiences. It's all about unlocking opportunities and promoting good practice."

For Ashley, the forum's ability to keep members informed about changing legislation and market trends has been invaluable. "For a lot of members, the regulations around waste can be complex and onerous," Ashley explains. "NERF has helped by providing a roadmap through the regulatory mire and giving businesses and local authorities a platform to voice their frustrations and share knowledge."

Peter Moody is the CEO of GAP Group UK (a longstanding Gold Friend of the NERF) and sits on the NERF Executive. Peter asserts that "NERF's commitment to fostering collaboration and innovation has not only strengthened our network but also significantly contributed to the sustainable growth of the recycling sector."

One of NERF's ongoing challenges has been ensuring that it remains relevant in a constantly evolving sector. Jo explains that setting agendas that appeal to a wide range of delegates is crucial. "It's important to keep our meetings current and valuable. We want to offer something for everyone, from local authority waste officers to commercial businesses."

NERF has also played a significant role in responding to changes in environmental policy and legislation. By providing members with a platform to discuss new policies and share knowledge, NERF helps businesses and local authorities stay informed and ready for the future. Jo notes, "With Simpler Recycling legislation coming into play, the NERF will be working with the Combined Authority to raise awareness and prepare businesses for new legislation."

Jo sees NERF's future as one of continued collaboration and expansion. "We're going to grow our reach and continue supporting new people coming into the sector," she says. "Our job is to inform and prepare the industry for the future, and I'm confident NERF will continue to do that for many years to come."



# TESTIMONIALS FROM THE NERF NETWORK



"The North East has a very proactive approach to business, and they embody such a positive "Can Do" business attitude. The members of the NERF are regular, repeat visitors so you get to know people very quickly.

The NERF absolutely brings businesses together. I attend many Conferences right across the UK and by a country mile NERF is my favourite. I always look forward to the NERF Events and would highly recommend joining, I have looked for similar Groups to that of NERF in the North West and down in the South, they simply don't exist."

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"As a proud Gold Friend of NERF, we have witnessed firsthand the invaluable role this forum plays in advancing recycling initiatives across the region (and further afield).

NERF's commitment to fostering collaboration and innovation has not only strengthened our network but also significantly contributed to the sustainable growth of the recycling sector.

Celebrating 35 years of impactful work, NERF continues to be a vital platform for sharing knowledge and driving positive environmental change. We are honoured to support such a dynamic and influential organisation."



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"Valpak has worked closely with the NERF for the over 10 years. Through the NERF's collaborative approach we have managed to help increase the amount of waste electricals collected from councils in the North East, helped push communications across the region to increase the awareness of waste electronic recycling. The NERF forums have been an invaluable platform to collaborate with local authorities and individual stakeholders to understand how to best improve Valpak's waste and recycling practices."



"Gateshead Council is proud to have worked with the North East Recycling Forum for many years and to support its goals to share best practice in key waste and recycling issues in the North East. The NERF has delivered very informative and thought provoking meetings to its large audiences over the years and for this reason members look forward to attending regularly to listen to quality speakers as well as networking with other members which is equally as beneficial. It's great to be able to celebrate 35 years with this successful organisation"

# TESTIMONIALS FROM THE NERF NETWORK



"Representatives from North Tyneside Council have been attending The North East Recycling Forum for many years. The sessions are always very welcoming and informative as they cover lots of relevant topics from across the sector that most members will be working on. There is always a good variety of attendees at each forum from local Councils, Businesses, and charities which provides great opportunities for networking and the sharing of best practice on waste and recycling issues."



**North Tyneside Council**



"NERF is an invaluable network offering so many different perspectives of the waste and resources sector. It's such a fantastic place to keep updated with an ever-changing industry and hear from experts from across the sector on changing legislation, upcoming regulations and innovations which always leave us inspired. We love going along to the NERF and the NERF network now feel like old friends."

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# OUR CATERER



The founders started **Hey! Food is Ready** while they were studying at Durham University, and we thought this would be a fitting celebration of Durham based innovation while our conference takes place in Durham Town Hall!

The NERF has been transitioning to vegetarian buffets over the past year, to reduce the environmental impact of NERF events, and Hey! Food is Ready has provided a delicious vegetarian menu for our 35th anniversary. We love the ethos of Hey! Food is Ready, which you can read more about below:

Hey! Food is Ready is a hyperlocal online marketplace that connects certified cooks from diverse cultural backgrounds with companies seeking a broad selection of food options for their events.

They support refugees, immigrants, stay-at-home parents, retirees, and anyone who loves cooking by providing a platform to share their native cuisine, culture, and stories with the wider community, while also generating meaningful income.



Hey! Food is Ready's goal is to promote workplace diversity through food, celebrate food cultures from minority ethnic groups, and support local cooks.



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Jeremy	Bacon	Suez
Ian	Bainbridge	Plasterboard Recycling Group
Lisbeth	Baxter	Baxter's Sustainable Resource Management Limited
Vicky	Bell	Durham County Council
Paul	Bennett	Palm Enviromental Ltd
Kylie	Benson	1031 Group
Jo	Blackie	Durham County Council
Phil	Blythe	Routeware
Pete	Bramhall	Compost UK
Russell	Brinkworth	Northumberland County Council
Martin	Briscoe	Durham County Council
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Georgia	Rule	Suez
Emily	Rutter	Durham County Council
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Steve	Scott	Newcastle City Council
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Oliver	Sherratt	Durham County Council
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Gary	Smith	South Tyne and Wear Waste management partnership
Rachel	Somerville	Newcastle City Council





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## IN 2025...

The North East Recycling Forum is proud to introduce the Annual NERF Awards which will take place at our November Conference each year.

The awards will shine a spotlight on outstanding achievements across a range of categories, highlighting individuals, organisations, and community initiatives that have made significant strides in waste management.

NERF wants to use these awards to reflect the region's commitment to setting the standard for environmental responsibility and circular economy practices. By celebrating these accomplishments, NERF aims to inspire continued progress and collaboration across the industry.





The North East Recycling Forum in partnership with Net Zero North East England and their Waste and Resources Planning Group is running a Waste Aware North East campaign to increase awareness of all eligible North East organisations of the impending Simpler Recycling Regulations that come in to effect on the 31st March 2025.

The campaign will include a webinar and communications campaign that will be delivered across a wide North East partnership. We are looking for support for the campaign to ensure it reaches all eligible organisations and give them the information and tools they need to implement the changes.

Sponsorship packages are available for organisations who would like to support the campaign and benefit from the regional communications, please contact Jo Holmes for more details.

## Are you waste aware?




**Do you have over 10 full-time employees?**

**Are you ready for the new Simpler Recycling Regulations coming into effect 31st March 2025?**

Join us to debunk the upcoming waste management legislation and prepare your organisation for these changes.

**Waste Aware North East**  
in partnership with  
**Net Zero North East England** and  
**North East Recycling Forum**

**December 11th, 2024**  
12.30PM - 1.30PM  
Online

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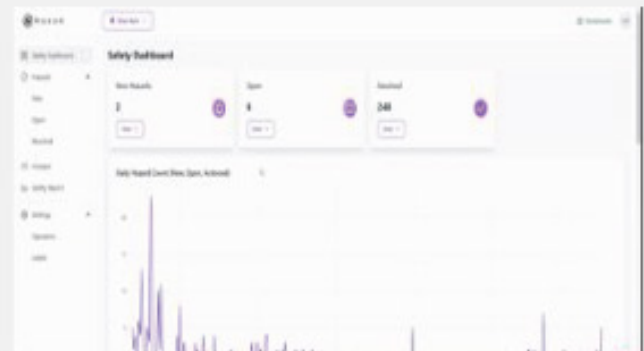
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