

## Wetherby Group invests in new baling technology

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Wetherby Group – a renowned manufacturer of performance building products – has installed a new compact waste baler at its UK site, as the organisation continues to expand.

The RWM75 machine has been supplied by North-Yorkshire headquartered Riverside Waste Machinery, following Wetherby Group's decision to upgrade its existing equipment.

Operating from its 15-acre site in Dalton, North Yorkshire, the company's base contains powder and paint manufacturing facilities, research and development laboratories, and full customer support services. Established for over 45 years, the business is not new to baling, but required updated machinery to improve efficiencies and take the brand forwards, enabling it to maintain its commitment to recycling.

As a high-volume producer of powder products, waste material at the factory includes cardboard, clear and laminated plastics, and waste paper bags. The existing Riverside baler had been on the site for several years, and the manufacturer was happy to return to the Harrogate supplier once again.

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Andre Botwright (pictured), group operations manager for Wetherby Group said: “With the recent introduction of our state-of-the-art powder plant, and its market leading packaging capabilities, we found that a new baler would be required, to keep up with the control of excess materials.

“We pride ourselves on working closely with our partners to build long term relationships, so, as we already had a Riverside baler in our existing paint plant, we decided that Jonathan Oldfield and his team would, once again, be our supplier of choice.”

The baler is now used to compress volumes of plastic and cardboard, equating to the production of around ten plastic and eight cardboard 75kg bales per month.

Andre continues: “Each bale averages 12 cubic feet in size, so the benefits of the machine in terms of space-saving capabilities are clear.

“Plus, in accordance with Wetherby Group’s recycling stance, all materials processed through the new baler are then collected by our waste contractor and are fully recycled.”

Jonathan Oldfield, MD of Riverside Waste Machinery added: “We were happy to partner with Wetherby Group again. The benefits provided – including a tidier site, better health and safety in the factory, and an increased recycling capability – are testament to the quality of the products we continue to provide.”

Based in Harrogate, Riverside Waste Machinery is a specialist supplier of baling machinery and consumables, and in 2018 celebrated its 21st year in business.

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