

Material Focus Insights and Investments - Updated March 2025

Project Lead	Project description	Project Type	Selection Method	Expected Final spend (inc VAT where applicable)	Status	End date
WEEE Schemes Forum Limited	Small Mixed WEEE Protocol	Insights	Fast tracked	£382,124	Complete	Nov 2019
ICER and WRC	Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in WEEE	Insights	Fast tracked	£651,379	Complete	Mar 2020
Anthesis	Past Funded Projects Evaluation	Insights	Tender	£9,360	Complete	Aug 2018
Axion Consulting and Eunomia	SaferWEEE - reducing battery fire risks at HWRCs	Insights	Open round	£74,508	Complete	Aug 2020
Anthesis	EEE and WEEE Flow Study	Insights	Open round and tender	£208,044	Complete	Jul 2020
Giraffe Innovation Ltd	Critical Raw Material recovery technologies for WEEE	Insights	Open round	£78,000	Complete	Jul 2021
Anthesis (UK) Ltd	Evaluating opportunities for establishing an infrastructure investment fund for WEEE	Insights	Open round	£27,706	Complete	Mar 2021
Bolton Community Transport & Furniture Services	Call-off kerbside for small electricals + expanded large electricals collections	Investments	Open round	£0	Cancelled	NA
Crest Cooperative (Conwy and surrounding areas)	Staff funding to increase capacity for reuse and collections	Investments	Open round	£49,589	Complete	Dec 2021
Emerge (South Manchester)	Various methods for collecting small electricals	Investments	Open round	£50,000	Complete	Mar 2023
Brighton and Hove Council	City wide app based call-off kerbside collections for reuse and recycling	Investments	Open round	£105,959	Complete	Nov 2021
Home Basics (Scots Borders)	New service centre + new collection service	Investments	Open round	£48,820	Complete	Oct 2022
ILM Highland (Scottish highlands)	New bring banks for small electricals throughout the Easter Ross area	Investments	Open round	£49,693	Complete	Feb 2022
Ipswich Furniture Project	Five day (Monday – Friday) household collection service of small electricals on a rota basis	Investments	Open round	£12,000	Cancelled	NA
St Vincent de Paul Society (Bradford and Leeds)	Expansion of processing capability plus new drop off points in Bradford and Leeds	Investments	Open round	£51,417	Complete	Dec 2022
Wastesavers (Newport, Wales)	New SDA collections directly from households as part of its bulky reuse collections	Investments	Open round	£41,420	Complete	Feb 2022
XSResources (Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Orkneys)	New collection models for re-sale/reuse/recycling via local partner organisations	Investments	Open round	£58,000	Complete	Dec 2021
East Sussex (Hastings, Rother & Wealden)	Comms of improved existing WEEE kerbside collections	Investments	Open round	£30,350	Complete	Apr 2022
Gloucester City Council	Comms of existing WEEE kerbside collections + mopup vehicle and crew for initial surge	Investments	Open round	£19,995	Complete	Oct 2021
Isles of Scilly	Electric vehicle for new collection service + comms	Investments	Open round	£20,000	Complete	Sep 2024
Merthyr Tydfil County Council	Comms for WEEE, bags for batteries and recycling officer engagement	Investments	Open round	£19,497	Complete	Oct 2021
Mid Devon	Comms of new weekly WEEE kerbside collections	Investments	Open round	£13,278	Complete	Feb 2023
Mid Sussex	Comms of new kerbside collections + mopup vehicle and crew for initial surge	Investments	Open round	£19,880	Complete	Dec 2021
South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership	Promotion and delivery of rolling kerbside and community collections	Investments	Open round	£59,923	Complete	Apr 2022
Surrey Environment Partnership	Comms and containers for collections from flats	Investments	Open round	£18,611	Complete	Jan 2022
Eunomia	CO2 impact of binned and hoarded electricals	Insights	Tender	£23,852	Complete	Jul 2020
Reuse Network	Admin assistance for the 2020 coronavirus charity support grants package	Investments	Fast tracked	£19,000	Complete	May 2020
COVID-19 Reuse Sector Grants	2 months of support for 33 reuse organisations	Investments	Fast tracked	£481,223	Complete	May 2020
COVID-19 AATF Operator Loans	£2 million interest-free loans provided to AATFs	Investments	Fast tracked	£0	Complete	May 2023
Oakdene Hollins/Valpak	Impacts of COVID-19 on EEE/WEEE flows	Insights	Tender	£40,246	Complete	Mar 2021
Remade Network (Glasgow)	Reuse and repair hubs and new collection points	Investments	Open round	£50,000	Complete	Feb 2022
Oakdene Hollins/WEEE Forum	Matching - a feasibility study on a UK allocation system	Insights	Open round and tender	£83,535	Complete	Jan 2022
Air and Space Evidence	Combatting lost WEEE volumes through fly-tipping by unlicensed waste carriers	Insights	Open round	£49,690	Complete	Jul 2021
Giraffe Innovation Ltd	An assessment of the economic and environmental benefits/disbenefits of repair smart goods repair market: challenges and opportunities.	Insights	Open round	£0	Cancelled	Jan 2022
Oakdene Hollins/ Valpak	A review (economic and environmental) of kerbside collections for waste electricals	Insights	Open round and tender	£42,938	Complete	Jul 2021
Eunomia	Business waste electricals: challenges and opportunities	Insights	Fast tracked and tender	£82,276	Complete	Jan 2022
Stratford-Upon-Avon council	Fitting campaign banners to vehicle sides	Investments	Low value	£1,090	Complete	Sep 2021
Eunomia and Opinium	Lifetime Impact research	Insights	Tender	£23,880	Complete	Dec 2021
Real World Planning/ Opinium	Battery research - qualitative and quantitative	Insights	Tender	£24,720	Complete	Dec 2021
Datawoj	Average distance to nearest WEEE recycling point research project	Insights	Low value	£2,975	Cancelled	Jan 2022

Ricardo	Metrics: alternatives to weight-based targets	Insights	Open round and tender	£57,600	Complete	February 2023
In-house	EEE Freerider market research and identification: phase 1	Insights	Fast tracked	£0	Complete	Sep 2022
TBC	Investigating WEEE losses to skips and C&I waste	Insights	Fast tracked and tender	£0	Cancelled	TBC
Anthesis	Update on EEE and WEEE flows	Insights	Update - previous tender	£56,910.00	Complete	August 2023
Opinium	Quantitative market research on topics including retailers and 'fad tech'	Insights	Regular supplier	£20,400	Complete	Dec 2023
Real World Planning	Hoarding research including qualitative and quantitative analysis	Insights	Regular supplier	£39,240	Complete	Dec 2023
Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team	Monthly electrical repair workshops and tech amnesty days for the community.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£50,000	Complete	October 2024
Hubbub Foundation UK	Test the collection and redistribution of small household electricals in community fridge settings	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£53,700	Complete	July 2024
East London Waste Authority (ELWA)	Repair cafes, training events, and collection bins in schools	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£54,025	Live	October 2025
Ashford Borough Council	Trial 6 amnesty/blitz style electrical collections days plus repair workshops	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£9,358	Complete	April 2024
Resource Futures	Promote existing kerbside recycling collections, pilot community 'drop-off' points and pop-up events for repair	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£50,413	Complete	December 2024
The Food Train	Pilot an add-on to their existing service to offer collection of electricals/batteries for their elderly service users	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£5,000	Live	December 2025
Library of Things	Pilot a digital community forum, set up new collection points and trial an incentive system to reward reuse/recycling	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£50,000	Complete	May 2024
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	New drop off points for electricals in community locations	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£14,500	Live	February 2025
South Ribble Borough Council	New collection points to receive items of small WEEE across the borough	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£10,000	Live	September 2025
Chorley Council	New collection points for the recycling of items of small WEEE and temporary 'pop-up' sites at council events	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£6,935	Live	September 2025
Renfrewshire Council	New collection points in libraries and community centres for small WEEE items	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£16,730	Live	November 2025
London Borough of Hillingdon	New collection points in libraries and community centres for small WEEE items	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£15,436	Complete	October 2024
Medway Council	New collection points in libraries for small WEEE items	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£15,000	Complete	November 2024
Luton Council	Increase small electricals recycling through creating a wide network of drop-off points in schools	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£63,249	Live	September 2025
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	New collection points in community locations plus a repair point for residents in a community centre	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£50,000	Live	July 2025
Newcastle City Council	Doorstep Collection of Small WEEE and pop up recycling centres	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£30,710	Complete	January 2025
North Lincolnshire Council	14 new collection points in libraries and community centres for small WEEE items	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£9,387	Live	June 2025
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	Test the frequency of one off regular kerbside collections	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£10,000	Complete	October 2023
Veolia Southwark	18 new community drop-off points for web-enabled devices	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£32,834	Live	July 2025
City of Wolverhampton Council	Introduce a new small WEEE kerbside collection service	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£31,495	Live	August 2025
Durham County Council	Expand on collection points to reach up to 200 recycling points for small WEEE across the county	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£100,000	Complete	March 2025
Aberdeen City Council	22 new drop off points for small WEEE	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£31,414	Live	October 2025
Cumberland Council	Trialled mobile electrical drop off points and monthly doorstep collections, as well as setting up collection points in libraries and community buildings.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£62,744	Complete	July 2024
Gravesham Borough Council	New bring banks for small electricals	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£22,418	Complete	November 2024
ILM Highland	Install 7 Small Electrical Recycling banks with mobile phone chutes in rural isolated locations across Highland	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£44,603	Complete	November 2024
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council in partnership with Veolia	A new bookable collection service for small electrical items	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£45,896	Complete	December 2024
West Northamptonshire Council	Comms project to promote the current kerbside collection service throughout the council area	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£20,000	Complete	November 2024
Derry and Strabane District Council	A series of repair cafes held across the county	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£30,500	Complete	March 2025
East Suffolk Council	New kerbside collection service for Small WEEE	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£75,000	Live	May 2026
London Borough of Haringey	Expansion of WEEE bring banks and a new WEEE kerbside collection service	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£89,000	Live	December 2025
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham	Install dedicated WEEE bins in bin store at 10 of their biggest estates (flats) alongside trial of mobile recycling centre	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£42,900	Live	December 2025
London Borough of Lewisham	Install street bring bank for WEEE across the borough	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£44,000	Live	May 2025
North Tyneside Council	Install 30 more small WEEE bring banks in schools and community centres	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£14,650	Complete	December 2024

Renewi Wakefield Waste PFI Limited	Expand WEEE recycling points to include all libraries across the district	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£33,300	Complete	December 2024
Joint Waste Solutions	Roll out of WEEE containers/bins to communal property bin stores and trial a rotating WEEE collections service from communal properties	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£63,318	Live	April 2025
Hart Council	Introduce a kerbside collection service of small and medium sized WEEE	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£21,250	Complete	January 2025
Richmond and Wandsworth Councils	Introduce a small WEEE kerbside collection service in Richmond and Wandsworth. Plus Small WEEE banks on selected larger housing estates and/or by textile recycling banks.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£96,509	Live	June 2025
Cardiff Council	20 new recycling points across the city + partnership with South Wales charity 'Wastesavers Reuse Shop' to rehome working items.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£50,321	Live	July 2025
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	Set up a donation point within their HWRC where residents can donate their unwanted electrical items, to be tested for safety and distributed to families in need.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£40,000	Complete	November 2024
Oxfordshire County Council	Piloted in-store takeback and public drop-off points for recycling vapes. They also introduced a dedicated kerbside collection of vapes for 70,000 households in the Cherwell District Council area.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£41,464.00	Complete	November 2024
Mayer Environmental	Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Dehumidifiers/Air con units	Insights	MF Spending Panel	£44,190.00	Live	tbc
Opinium	Voice of the consumer research - DEFRA WEEE consultation	Insights	Regular supplier	£12,120.00	Complete	April 2024
Anthesis	Value of lost WEEE calculation refresh	Insights	Update - previous tender	£12,720.00	Complete	March 2024
YouGov	Vapes research (adults and 16-18)	Insights	Regular supplier	£13,800.00	Complete	July 2023
Rushmoor Borough Council	Install 8 on-street bring banks	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£19,550.00	Not yet started	May 2026
Litter Free Dorset	Establish Dorset repair network, partnering with repair cafes across the Dorset Council area to further develop community repair facilities	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£48,074.00	Not yet started	April 2026
Huntingdonshire District Council	Installing 13 new collection points, and repainting old ones.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£20,246.95	Not yet started	March 2026
Kent County Council	Working with schools to promote WEEE recycling through workshops and collection points	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£50,000.00	Live	March 2025
North Tyneside Council	Test a new online/telephone bookable kerbside collection service. Collected small electricals will be assessed, with those in a good condition going to Whitley Bay Big Local community repair sessions.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£42,411	Not yet started	May 2026
Hartlepool Borough Council	Community drop off locations within walking distance from peoples homes, and outreach events to promote the new service.	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	£28,607	Not yet started	April 2026
Consumer Insight	Brand and campaign tracking	Insights	Regular supplier	£45,600	Complete	April 2024
Data Analyst Consultant	To model the average distance from households to recycling points by creating an interactive data dashboard	Insights	Tender	£20,800	Complete	March 2025
WSF Ltd	Support with set up of Vapes PCS Balancing System	Insights	MF Spending Panel	£327,057.60	Live	tbc
ICER	Review and Design Stage of the Net Zero Accreditation Scheme	Insights	MF Spending Panel	£51,000.00	Live	April 2025
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