Material Focus Insights and Investments - U Updated July 2026

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

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

Renewi Wakefield Waste PFI Limited	Expand WEEE recycling points to include all libraries across the district	£33,300	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	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	£63,318	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	April 2025
Hart Council	Introduce a kerbside collection service of small and medium sized WEEE	£21,250	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	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.	£96,509	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	June 2025
Cardiff Council	20 new recycling points across the city + partnership with South Wales charity 'Wastesavers Reuse Shop' to rehome working items.	£50,321	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	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.	£40,000	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	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.	£41,464.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Complete	November 2024
Mayer Environmental	Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in Dehumidifers/Air con units	£27,938.59	Insights	MF Spending Panel	Live	tbc
Opinium	Voice of the consumer research - DEFRA WEEE consultation	£12,120.00	Insights	Regular supplier	Complete	April 2024
Anthesis	Value of lost WEEE calculation refresh	£12,720.00	Insights	Update - previous tender	Complete	March 2024
YouGov	Vapes research (adults and 16-18)	£13,800.00	Insights	Regular supplier	Complete	July 2023
Rushmoor Borough Council	Install 8 on-street bring banks	£19,550.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	September 2026
Litter Free Dorset	Establish Dorset repair network, partnering with repair cafes across the Dorset Council area to further develop community repair facilities	£48,074.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Complete	April 2026
Huntingdonshire District Council	Installing 13 new collection points, and repainting old ones.	£20,246.95	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Complete	March 2026
Kent County Council	Working with schools to promote WEEE recycling through workshops and collection points	£50,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Complete	March 2025
North Tyneside Council	Test a new online/telephone bookable kerbside collection service. Collected small electricals will be assesed, with those in a good condition going to Whitley Bay Big Local community repair sessions.	£42,411	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Complete	May 2026
Hartlepool Borough Council	Community drop off locations within walking distance from peoples homes, and outreach events to promote the new service.	£28,607	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Complete	April 2026
Consumer Insight	Brand and campaign tracking	£45,600	Insights	Regular supplier	Complete	April 2024
Data Analyst Consultant	To model the average distance from households to recycling points by creating an interactive data dashboard	£20,800	Insights	Tender	Complete	March 2025
WSF Ltd	Support with set up of Vapes PCS Balancing System	£230,525.50	Insights	MF Spending Panel	Complete	February 2025
ICER	Review and Design Stage of the ICER Carbon Reduction Scheme	£91,500.00	Insights	MF Spending Panel	Live	tbc
Reuse Network	Reuse data from 2020 to present plus validation of locations and electricals accepted	£17,500.00	Insights	Fast tracked	Complete	January 2026
South Norfolk	South Norfolk will set up a bookable collection service manned by an electric vehicle to collect small electricals from residents doorsteps.	£33,217.50	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	January 2027
Babergh District Council	Babergh will position 6 on street bring banks in high footfall public areas.	£22,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	November 2026
Mid Suffolk District Council	Mid Suffolk will position 6 on street bring banks in high footfall public areas.	£24,500.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	November 2026
West Suffolk Council	West Suffolk will install 18 new bring sites.	£34,822.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	October 2026
Northside Youth and Community Connexions	Northside youth will set up repair workshops and collection points for electricals	£49,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	April 2027
London Borough of Harrow	Harrow will set up recycling wheelie bins and smaller bins for collecting laptops at 6 of their libraries	£30,329.75	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	March 2027
SLATE Leeds	SLATE will collect electricals in bring banks and from homes to be triaged for reuse and recycling	£31,040.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	November 2026
Chopwell Regeneration project	Collecting electricals from peoples doorsteps using an electric cargo bike, to be repaired and reused	£22,405.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	January 2027
Southampton City Council	Southampton will set up 6 library collection points	£26,211.58	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	March 2027
Spelthorne Borough Council	Spelthorne will trial collections from flats by setting up 11 bins for communal properties	£5,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	March 2027
Resource Futures	Resource Futures will set up drop off points in community locations for smart tech devices, as well as investigatiing reuse at kerbside and promoting electrical recycling using RYE branding across Devon, North Somerset, and Dorset	£100,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	February 2027
Community Bees CIC	Community Bees will run community drop-off days across all 12 York wards, collect items at their unit and expand collections to local recycling centres. Reusable items will be redistributed to those in need or sold at a minimal cost.	£44,600.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Live	January 2027

Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames	Kingston Upon Hull will establish small-electricals drop-off points, support the donation and redistribution of reusbale devices in partnership with ReLove Technology, and deliver a communications campaign promoting recycling, repair, and sustainable electrical waste options across Kingston.	£27,996.94	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Refurbit	The project will pilot a smart recycling locker and deploy branded collection boxes across community venues, enabling easier electrical drop-offs, supporting secure refurbishment and redistribution, and delivering a citywide campaign to expand recycling access in Hull.	£62,348.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Swale Borough Council	20 community bins prioritising rural areas and locations with evidence of WEEE in residual waste.	£35,857.55	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Knowsley Council	Mobile community collection points focused on areas with high numbers of flats and low car ownership.	£37,608.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Trafford Council	17 library and leisure-centre collection points with future plans for reuse crates linked to Renew Hub.	£42,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Tower Hamlets	13 permanent on-street bring banks replacing previously withdrawn library collection points.	£18,509.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Buckinghamshire Council	Pilot WEEE collection bins in 4 libraries (potentially expanding to 10) targeting students and residents without easy HWRC access.	£16,272.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Groundwork North East and Cumbria	60 Recycle Your Electricals branded indoor drop-off points in trusted community venues across Gateshead, South Tyneside, and Sunderland.	£41,292	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Greenwich Cooperative Development Agency (GCDA)	4 indoor drop-off points and 1 outdoor bring bank across trusted community venues in Greenwich, Lewisham and Bexley.	£37,500	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Lancaster City Council	Expansion of existing network with 13 new banks, 5 refurbished banks and sheltered-housing collection bins.	£33,948.50	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Aberdeenshire Council	12 new and 2 refurbished rural WEEE banks at existing glass/textile recycling points.	£61,579.87	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Enfield	10 community bins in libraries and leisure centres, focused on residents with mobility or transport barriers.	£41,890.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Glasgow City Council	4 strategically located on-street bring banks supported by communications and housing association partnerships.	£28,800.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole	Mixed model of 10 drop-off points, 5 bring banks, repair workshops and reuse pathways.	£94,775.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Basildon Borough Council	8 community drop-off locations in libraries and community buildings across the borough.	£25,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Brent	18 small WEEE collection containers across 6 libraries, integrated into existing collection services.	£30,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
Peterborough City Council	20 community WEEE bins across libraries, leisure centres and council buildings.	£20,000.00	Investments	Electricals Recycling Fund	Yet to start	TBC
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