



## Incredible Edible Todmorden Food Hub Funding Announced



Representatives from Todmorden High School, Incredible Edible Todmorden and Green Business Network

**Incredible Edible Todmorden (IET), a community initiative project, has been awarded £495,795 through the Big Lottery Fund to create a Local Food Hub at Todmorden High School. The project will create an innovative food and education centre which will use the GBN's expertise in growing fish and food in a sustainable way.**

Work is set to start this summer, with student involvement in the build during the next school year. It is hoped that the site will be completed for the start of the new school term in September

2011. The Food Hub will grow fish and food using a sustainable re-circulatory system based on the GBN's ABLE Project and will use polytunnels and raised beds to grow fresh produce which will then be sold to the school and local businesses.

The Food Hub will also benefit Todmorden High School by opening up a whole area of learning for the students with new courses such as the Diploma in Environmental and Land-Based Studies and NVQ qualifications which will be taught

in the Hub.

Pam Warhurst, chair of IET said: "IET has done a lot over the last couple of years to promote local food production, but at the heart of it all is the desire to give our children a better future, and what better way than this. It will become second nature for children to think about where their food comes from".

For more information visit [www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk](http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk) or [www.theableproject.org.uk](http://www.theableproject.org.uk)

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# Skopos Certified with the Carbon Trust Standard with help from GBN

**Kirklees textile company Skopos Design has been awarded the Carbon Trust standard following the success of its three year carbon reduction plan. The Carbon Trust Standard is the world's first carbon award and requires businesses and organisations to measure, manage and reduce their carbon emissions across all operations.**

The GBN was pleased to help Skopos in the initial stages of certification, providing the company with an environmental audit and helping them calculate their carbon footprint.

The GBN's Environmental Business Advisor Jim Porter said: "This is a great example of what businesses can achieve. Skopos deserve this recognition and the benefits that come along with it, such as cost savings and an enhanced reputation as a market leader".



Skopos is one of only a few manufacturers to achieve this level of consistent carbon footprint reduction (a total of 21% over the last three years) which involved energy saving initiatives throughout the business.

Sue Spurgeon, Managing Director at Skopos stated: "The Carbon Trust Standard is a mark of excellence – it has involved everyone in the business, from the manufacturing process to our sales/marketing and administrative functions. We are proud to achieve the Standard and remain committed to invest in driving down our carbon footprint every year".

Skopos is an ISO9001 accredited company and has over 30 years specialist experience in the design and manufacture of high performance fabrics.

For more information visit [www.skoposdesignltd.com](http://www.skoposdesignltd.com)

## CO2Sense Yorkshire Woodfuel Programme

**Using woodfuel for heating makes sense. It's low-carbon, efficient, can be locally sourced and can improve your energy security and costs. If your business wants to produce woodfuel or convert its heating system to use woodfuel, then the CO2Sense Woodfuel Programme can help.**

Businesses can take advantage of specific funding opportunities as well as information and advice



from CO2Sense's specialist team. The team also holds regular events and tours and produces relevant case studies.

If you'd like more information on how CO2Sense Woodfuel Programme can help you, please contact Gordon Watts, CO2Sense Woodfuel Programme Manager at [Gordon.Watts@CO2Sense.org.uk](mailto:Gordon.Watts@CO2Sense.org.uk) or visit [www.co2sense.org.uk](http://www.co2sense.org.uk) for more information.

# Kirklees Green Business Awards

**Applications for this year's Green Business Awards are now open and businesses in West Yorkshire are encouraged to apply. The awards, organised by the GBN in partnership with Batley and Dewsbury Towns' Management and Huddersfield Town Centre Partnership, aim to recognise local businesses who are doing their bit to reduce their impact on the environment.**

Initiatives eligible for the awards range from small changes like recycling, to big changes such as installing solar panels. Businesses which demonstrate the most commitment and have measures in place to reduce their environmental impact could win money towards environmental improvements.

Green Business advisor Jim Porter said: "We want as many businesses to apply for the Green Business Awards 2010 as possible and this year's awards will recognise the small changes as well as the big ones.

"We know that not all businesses have the resources to make huge changes, so we're keen to give recognition for the small adjustments as well as the big. These could include setting up a recycling scheme, reducing energy use by changing to low voltage lighting, or encouraging staff to cycle to work or use public transport rather than drive."

All businesses who enter the awards will receive a free environmental toolkit which is full of advice on how to further reduce their environmental impact.



To download a copy of the application form visit [www.greenbusinessnetwork.org.uk](http://www.greenbusinessnetwork.org.uk), call 01422 316661 or email: [gbn@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:gbn@kirklees.gov.uk).

## Saving the Halifax Crocus

**Green Business Network is working with Halifax's oldest natural history society, Halifax Scientific Society (founded 1874), to celebrate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity by saving an endangered flower.**

The GBN has awarded Halifax Scientific Society a £2,000 Landfill Communities Fund grant for conservation work to protect the autumn-flowering "Halifax" crocus. The crocus only occurs in the East Midlands, Derbyshire, Lancashire and West Yorkshire, with the main cluster of colonies around Halifax and the rest of Calderdale.

As part of World Environment Day (5th June), the Halifax Scientific Society has undertaken practical work to save two riverside colonies, one of which was threatened by bankside erosion due to flooding.

The plant is still common in the high pastures of the Alps and Pyrenees, but it is a close to extinction in Calderdale. Swathes of purple bloom on pliable stems were once visible throughout Calderdale in late September and early October and the Scientific Society hope they will be growing again soon.

For more information on the Autumn crocus visit the GBN website.



# Calder Future 'River Day'

**The annual Calder Future 'River Day' took place on 12th-13th June with some fantastic fine dry weather to encourage local people on to the river bank.**

Seven events were held up and down the Calder Valley, ranging from a beck clean-up with street wardens and local young children in Wellholme Park in Brighouse, to a river sweep carried out by Eastwood residents at the other end of the valley. The final event saw the Halifax Sub-Aqua Club working with local people from Elland to clear rubbish from the River Calder next to the Riverside Park making this site one of the best in the area to enjoy the waterside environment.

For more information on Calder Future's work, visit [www.calderfuture.org.uk](http://www.calderfuture.org.uk)



# Able2Build Garden Furniture

**ABLE's garden furniture project is proving a great success this summer as the team has already sold over £7000 worth of furniture at local shows since the beginning of June.**

The Able2Build team is based at The ABLE Projects in Wakefield and Heckmondwike where they have been busy learning joinery skills and creating benches, chairs, picnic tables and nest-boxes. The scheme helps trainees gain confidence and experience in a work environment and their handiwork is being sold to help generate funds for the project.

All furniture is crafted from Swedish Redwood timber



from sustainable forests and is pressure treated for a long outdoor life. For more information or to see the unique garden

furniture range, please visit [www.greenbusinessnetwork.org.uk](http://www.greenbusinessnetwork.org.uk)



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