

Recycling Officer

What is it?

A Recycling Officer is responsible for promoting and managing recycling schemes to reduce waste and encourage sustainable practices. They work with local councils, businesses, and communities to implement and improve recycling initiatives.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

A degree in environmental science, waste management, or a related field is beneficial. Experience in environmental work, local government, or waste management is advantageous. Knowledge of environmental regulations and waste reduction strategies. Strong communication and organisational skills.

What the Work Involves:

- Developing and managing recycling and waste reduction programmes.
- Educating the public, businesses, and schools about recycling practices.
- Monitoring waste disposal and ensuring compliance with environmental laws.
- Working with councils and waste management companies to improve recycling rates.
- Analysing data and reporting on the effectiveness of recycling initiatives.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

There is **increasing demand** for Recycling Officers due to growing environmental awareness and government targets for waste reduction. With experience, professionals can progress into senior environmental management roles or policy development.

Average annual Salary - £24,000 - £35,000

Typical weekly hours – 37-40 hours per week, with occasional evening or weekend work for community events.

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

- Someone with excellent hand-eye
- Someone passionate about the environment and sustainability.
- A good communicator who enjoys engaging with the public and businesses.
- A detail-oriented individual with problem-solving skills.
- Someone who can work independently and as part of a team.
- coordination and attention to detail.

Money/Wage Guide:

- Entry-level roles start at around £24,000 per year.
- Experienced officers can earn up to £35,000+.

Related Opportunities:

- Environmental Officer
- Waste Management Officer
- Sustainability Consultant
- Environmental Health Officer

Further Information:

Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM):

www.ciwm.co.uk

Recycle Now: www.recyclenow.com

Environmental Agency:

www.gov.uk/environment-agency