

## ENTERPRISE RECYCLING

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In this technological age there is a huge problem with the disposal of electrical items, particularly computers and peripherals. Enterprise Recycling refurbish unwanted and outdated computers, providing training and work experience for unemployed people.

Unwanted equipment is initially collected from offices and individuals. Viable machines are refurbished and updated then placed on sale to the general public. Unusable equipment is dismantled and the various materials separated and disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner. Enterprise Recycling provides:

- High quality training for unemployed people as computer hardware component technicians capable of tackling basic IT related problems (NVQ Level 2)
- A reasonably priced source of new and used equipment – much of the latter being donated to local charitable causes
- At an environmental level, efficient re-use and repair of IT equipment could considerably reduce the amount of waste going to landfill sites.

Looking ahead, Enterprise Recycling aims to become more financially self-sufficient and develop the service further.

*Tips for others:* The need for sufficient staff numbers to support training and develop the organisation. Research visits to similar projects. There is a huge market for the equivalent recycling of home entertainment equipment, particularly televisions, videos etc.

*Status of organisation:* Registered charity

*Area:* UK

*Desired help:* More appropriate premises, ideally purpose built