



# Northamptonshire

The central location for  
the environmental  
technologies industry



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"Daventry and Northamptonshire provide a great location for our new headquarters – not only are we right next to the UK's leading Intapart ELV Centre, we also have excellent access to the rest of the UK and to Europe as well."

Paul Hillier, Director  
Autogreen

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# Northamptonshire – The Environmental Technology Sector

**Wastes Management is high on the political and corporate agenda at all levels in government and business. In the European Union, new waste management policies and laws mean that each country must increase recycling rates and reduce the volume of waste going to landfill.**

At the same time there are CO<sub>2</sub> emissions targets for each country with the UK signed up to increase the amount of renewable energy it produces from around 2% (current) to 15% by 2020. Energy from waste forms an integral part of this strategy.

Add to this the implementation of directives such as the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and the Restriction of use of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) and this all adds up to possibly the biggest business opportunity for a generation.

Northamptonshire has a range of companies in the sector specialising in the recycling of rubber tyres, commercial refrigerators, paper, waste electronic equipment and building materials.

**Some of the key companies in the sector within the county include:**

- Autogreen
- Rolton Group
- Waste Recycling Group
- Environmental Storage Solutions
- World Rubber Products Ltd
- Cleansing Service Group Ltd
- Shanks and Cory Environmental
- National Paper Recycling

Northamptonshire has an expert workforce in engineering and advanced engineering from the automotive and Motorsport sector – skills that are transferable into the waste management and environmental technology sector.



"The University continues to develop its support for the wastes management industry. We work closely with local companies such as Intapart and Environmental Storage Solutions, but also work nationally and internationally within the industry. Our BSc undergraduate course is the only full time degree course in the world and is helping to produce waste management qualified individuals in Northamptonshire."

Dr Margaret Bates, Head of SITA Centre for Sustainable Wastes Management  
The University of Northampton

# Northamptonshire – The leading UK knowledge centre for the wastes management industry

A combination of excellent manufacturing capabilities, strong academic research and development and support from our high technology companies means as a county we are well placed to take a leading role as an emerging European centre for the Environmental Technologies.

- The industry employs around 1600 people in the county with a growing number of waste management focused companies such as; The Waste Recycling Group, Cleansing Service Group Ltd, Shanks & Cory Environmental Ltd.
- The University of Northampton is home to a recognised centre of excellence and has won £1.5m of investment support from the SITA Environmental Trust to increase its support for new and expanding companies.
- Northampton is also home to the Chartered Institution of Waste Management (CIWM), the UK's body for waste management professionals. They moved to Northamptonshire from London to take advantage of the cost effective property prices and a central, well connected UK location.
- The county is also home to the Composting Association and to the Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board.

With this cluster of expertise in place there really is only one place where environmental technology companies can grow and expand into new markets, where they can tap into a qualified, skilled labour base and where they can benefit from cutting edge innovation.



"As co-founder of a number of small businesses related to Construction I can vouch for Northamptonshire as a great place to do business during the last 27 years, and for the foreseeable future. Major benefits of the area include sustained development, connectivity, comparatively reasonable housing costs and the high quality of lifestyle attainable."

David Rolton BSc CEng FStructE MICE FGS MIOD  
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# A Great Place For Business, A Great Place To Live

Northamptonshire is at the heart of the UK and provides easy access at a local, national and international level. Northamptonshire also offers an unsurpassed quality of life where housing is affordable and within easy reach of some of the most beautiful and historic countryside in England.

- Northamptonshire has easy access to the major road networks with five international airports within a one hour drive time (Heathrow, London Luton, Birmingham, Nottingham East Midlands and Stansted)
- Major ports of Felixstowe, Harwich, Dover, Folkstone and Lowestoft are within a three hour drive time
- Northamptonshire provides a cost effective location in key business costs such as property rental compared to other parts of the UK and Europe, particularly the South and South East of England:

Location	Prime Industrial Rent £ per m <sup>2</sup> - 1000m <sup>2</sup>
Amsterdam	74.00
Dublin	84.00
Northampton	59.00
Slough	118.00
London Heathrow	145.00
Manchester	63.00

UK Trade and Investment and King Sturge 'UK Industrial Floorspace Today'  
July 2004 and European Industrial Property Markets March 2005

## Support from Invest Northamptonshire

- When you add the support available from Invest Northamptonshire, you'll find that the county really is the best place for business growth.
- Invest Northamptonshire is the county's investment promotion agency - a product of successful partnership between public bodies and private business. Our primary aim is to promote business growth and job-creation through increasing investment by new and existing businesses.
- Our dynamic multi-skilled, commercially-minded team can provide tailored information and contacts for your specific business needs whenever and however you want it. We can help you to find premises, recruit staff or even relocate your workforce.
- In short, Invest Northamptonshire can deliver the support and service your business needs to make the most of the endless opportunities that Northamptonshire brings for the construction industry.

Build a sustainable business in Northamptonshire

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