

Helping balance carbon footprint by stopping goods from going to waste

Building on success of unique recycling idea

by **Joanne Smith**

A COUPLE who set up a business to encourage people to recycle are celebrating after receiving a positive report.

Daniel Hill and his wife Charis set up Tiger Enterprises Ltd and cover Seaford, Eastbourne, Lewes and other areas within a ten mile radius.

The Newhaven-based company, which is the first of its kind in the country, recycles unwanted building materials in their existing form.

These items would normally end up in the wastestream.

They collect materials from people for free and they are then sold on to customers.

A recent report showed there business had saved an impressive 220 tonnes of carbon.

Mr Hill said, "We're really happy. This amount is the same carbon footprint as a family of four for four years.

"It's our first year as well and I'm hoping we can double that next year."

His message for people to recycle comes as campaigners continue to protest against the

controversial Newhaven incinerator.

Seaford MP Norman Baker recently blasted East Sussex County Council for "staggering economic mismanagement" after secret papers regarding the scheme were leaked to him.

A row broke out after claims the project will cost double its original estimate and a number of Seaford councillors and residents have criticised the plans, stating there are alternatives to the project.

The 25-year-old, who has a degree in construction management, said, "I used to work for my father and he was a builder and developer and working with him I realised there was a lot of material chucked away.

"I did some research and found that 90million tonnes of reusable materials are sent to landfill. I wanted to try and save the environment and do something."

Mr Hill originally started the business a year ago in a Garden in Peacehaven before he and his wife moved to their current premises at Clifton Road. They are hoping to move to another yard in the future because business is doing so well.

The organisation is approved by



the Environment Agency, East Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council and Brighton and Hove City Council.

The Brighton resident added, "They have to be reusable and building materials such as bricks, timber doors, windows, slabs and they are re-used in their existing form.

"We're striving on and getting more materials and doing our

best for the environment. There's a lot of issues with the incinerator and so we want to do the best for East Sussex."

The business is open from Monday to Saturday from 8.30am - 5pm.

For more information please call 07766 568684

ABOVE: Daniel, Charis and Tiger Hill at the hub of their business (c)