

Meet the Groundwork Team

Chris White - Resource Efficiency Specialist

Chris White is the latest addition to Groundwork Cheshire's environmental business support team, joining in July 2009, and bringing with him a wealth of resource efficiency experience.

Chris began his working career as a Quality assurance engineer for Union Carbide where he was responsible for the control of the manufacturing process and product quality. The process was energy intensive so the role focused on energy and scrap reduction processes.

His next career move was into production management at Union Carbide, followed by moves to Chloride in plastics and rubber processing, Draka in polyurethane foams, BTR automotive textiles, and finally Federal Mogul friction products (Ferodo braking materials). In all these roles Chris was required to show a range of problem solving and improvement skills.

Chris also played a key role in leading a culture change to Lean manufacturing at Federal Mogul and was instrumental in introducing modern manufacturing techniques, which enabled the company's site at Chapel to make the finals of the Best Factory awards.

His role also involved leading the environmental health & safety team to maintain ISO 14001 and ensuring the site complied fully with the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) permit following a significant staff reduction.

Chris has led many successful material utilisation projects and been heavily involved in energy saving initiatives throughout his career and his experience in the automotive industry has ensured he is familiar with team based problem solving and can drive reject reduction and customer quality initiatives with zero rejects being the target. He has had great success in applying these skills in all fields of waste reduction and been responsible for a wide range of



initiatives including a £1 million reduction off annual manufacturing costs for Federal Mogul.

Chris has now joined Groundwork Cheshire's e3 environmental business support team and is using his vast experience to help businesses across Cheshire become more resource efficient and reduce their carbon footprint.

Key attributes

- Working knowledge of environmental and quality management systems including ISO 14001 & 9001.
- Knowledge of current UK, EU and international environmental, health and safety legislation
- Strong practical skills in project management, focussed improvement and managing teams to deliver resource opportunities.

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