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Welcome to this edition of the Community Reporter

Here you will find news stories about Syngenta that have been on our digital news feeds during the last 12 months. If you would like to see these news stories as they happen, you can check out our website at www.syngenta.co.uk/huddersfield or follow us on facebook or Twitter.

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This particular QR code will take you to our Syngenta Huddersfield website – but please do try some of the other QR codes in this publication.



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Supporting Syngenta Group’s sustainability goals in Huddersfield

Sustainability is a core priority for Syngenta Group, shaping how the business operates from raw material sourcing right through to how products are used by farmers in the field. At Syngenta in Huddersfield, this global commitment is being delivered with practical, site-level action - improving efficiency, reducing emissions and investing in more sustainable ways of working, while continuing to support farmers worldwide.

Charging ahead

Syngenta Huddersfield has recently delivered a major overhaul of its on-site transportation, one of the largest switchovers within the Syngenta AI manufacturing operations. The team at Huddersfield

is upgrading its entire on-site vehicle fleet to modern electric vans following a successful trial with the Engineering Stores team a year prior. The Engineering Stores team, who look after inventory, storage and maintenance across our site, led the way when they replaced...



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their van over a year ago to an EV, proving the concept and showing how it could work on-site.

Due to the site's large geographic footprint, vehicles are essential for daily operations, making transport a key sustainability consideration. The new electric vans will significantly reduce Syngenta Huddersfield's fleet carbon footprint while cutting operational costs through lower leasing costs, lower maintenance requirements and reduced fuel consumption.

To date, Huddersfield has taken delivery of 14 electric vehicles, with the fleet expected to grow to around 17 EVs as specialist vehicles are added.

Group wide efforts

Huddersfield's sustainability journey does not happen in isolation. Teams collaborate

closely with colleagues across Syngenta's global manufacturing network, sharing learnings and adapting solutions to local conditions. What works at Huddersfield, from EV adoption to energy efficiency improvements, helps inform progress at other Syngenta sites worldwide, while insights from elsewhere feed back into local decision-making.

By combining local action with global ambition, Syngenta Huddersfield is helping turn Group-wide sustainability commitments into a reality. Through smarter energy use, investment in cleaner transport and long-term planning for decarbonisation, the site is playing its part in sustainability improvements, supporting Syngenta's mission both today and for the future.

Our switch to Electric Vehicles is one of many initiatives that we are pursuing to make our operations sustainable.



Syngenta Walkers Team Up for The Kirkwood Starlight Walk

Our Syngenta team walked with over 1,100 members of the community starting and finishing at the iconic Accu Stadium, the home of Huddersfield Town and the Huddersfield Giants, helping to raise over £80,000 to help Support Life across Kirklees.

Syngenta has supported The Kirkwood for many decades and the annual Starlight Walk is an occasion which celebrates the lives of those cared for during end of life care. The annual event is a chance for the community to come together to walk six or ten miles, to raise funds for the hospice

Syngenta Walker, Carl Sykes said "The event was a great success and we are very proud of our longstanding partnership with The Kirkwood. It was amazing to see how many people have been helped by The Kirkwood or been touched by the charity in some way. Our Syngenta team thoroughly enjoyed the evening".

Paraquat Plant to close in 2026

Last month, Syngenta announced that it will cease global production of the herbicide paraquat by the end of June. The decision reflects significant competition from generic producers around the world, which has eroded Syngenta's competitiveness in the production of this herbicide.

Following an asset review, a program has now been initiated to phase out the production of paraquat at Syngenta's Huddersfield, UK, site – its only manufacturing facility for this active ingredient globally. A small scale, multi-product production unit at the site will also close. Regrettably, the decision will lead to 90 job losses.

In 2024, Syngenta completed a GBP50 million investment to manufacture one of its most advanced crop protection technologies, PLINAZOLIN® technology, in Huddersfield and will continue to assess future investment opportunities at the site. The UK remains an important location for Syngenta, which employs more than 2,000 people across 6 sites primarily focused on R&D, production and supply. Paraquat is highly effective in controlling weeds and enables conservation agricultural practices such as no-till

farming, remaining an essential component of the farming toolbox for many growers. First brought to market by a Syngenta predecessor company more than sixty years ago, paraquat is today a generic herbicide that is registered for sale by more than 750 companies. Syngenta sells this herbicide in just a few markets around the world, and it accounts for less than 1 percent of Syngenta's global sales.

Syngenta's decision to cease paraquat production is in line with its focus on innovation, and its commitment to bring new solutions that elevate the productivity and sustainability of agriculture.

"This decision is about focusing our resources where they deliver the greatest value for our business and our customers," said Mike Hollands, President Syngenta UK and Head of Syngenta Global Production and Supply.



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All of these stories and more can be found on the [Syngenta.co.uk/Huddersfield](https://www.syngenta.co.uk/Huddersfield) website or scan the QR code on your mobile device. If you come across stories in the media and want to explore more information from us, you can also check our facebook page newsfeed.



Syngenta represents women in manufacturing and engineering

We were extremely proud to have representatives from Syngenta Huddersfield in attendance at the launch of the Women in Manufacturing and Engineering Network in Leeds.

The initiative was presented to us by the team at the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, after they attended the opening of our advanced manufacturing plant for producing PLINAZOLIN® technology, which we recognised alongside our own International Women's Day celebrations in March.

There was immediate interest from four of our colleagues here at Syngenta Huddersfield, two of whom, Julie Martyn and Julia Herrera, attended the network's launch event. The network has garnered support from key figures including West Yorkshire Mayor, Tracy Brabin, and business secretary, Jonathan Reynolds MP.

The network seeks to empower women in the manufacturing and engineering industry, to drive inclusive growth, influence policy and inspire future talent in the region.

The network also aims to support women in these industries to advance into leadership positions, inspire the next generation, and nurture talent that sits on our doorstep, creating an accessible, supportive network of talented women progressing through the industry with no barriers.

This aligns with Syngenta's aims to create an inclusive workplace, championing the women shaping the future of agriculture, and empowering our team throughout their career journeys.

Talking about the launch, Julie Martyn said, "It was a really good, engaging launch and having the backing of Jonathan Reynolds MP gave a real commitment to the purpose of the network. Along with other network partners, we have an opportunity to collaborate, influence policy and shape an inclusive



workforce that brings balance to company leadership positions in the region."

fantastic initiative for both the industry, and the wider region as a collective.

Whilst we recognise this is a march of progress, we understand that there is a long way to go and here at Syngenta Huddersfield we are proud to be supporting such a

Where Science Meet Business at Huddersfield

Our people in Syngenta embrace the latest scientific innovations to advance science and improve the world we live in, making a vital contribution to modern agriculture.

A huge part of that is ensuring we are connected to our industry and give everyone the opportunities and tools to support their continued development.

That's why being part of the Society of Chemical Industry SCI® Where Science Meets Business forum as a Corporate Partner is so important to Syngenta.

SCI® Where Science Meets Business is a multi-disciplinary and multi-science forum that connects scientists and business to provide opportunities for collaboration, training, networking and support.

We recently welcomed Bryony Parker and Muriel Cozier from SCI® to our Huddersfield site to tour the production plants, labs and offices and get a behind the scenes look at how science meets business at Syngenta!

Members of our scientific team led the tour which included Process Chemist, Mark Sykes; Process Hazards Specialist, Alexander Gaywood; Capability Development Lead, Graham McDougald and Process Hazards Group Leader, Graham Ackroyd. A plant tour of our herbicides production facility

was shared along with a technical brief on our newest production unit, which produces revolutionary plant protecting product, PLINAZOLIN® technology, as well as discussing our wider site development plans for our Huddersfield manufacturing campus.

Research Scientists at our Jealott's Hill International Research Centre, our largest research and development site in the world, helped to invent PLINAZOLIN® technology and have been working with SCI for many years, to support our chemists and scientists to connect, collaborate and grow within the industry.

Speaking of the visit, Graham said: "After working with our Jealott's Hill team for a number of years, it was great to welcome Bryony and Muriel to our Huddersfield site to show them in practice how our research and development efforts are turned into products that support farmers and crop growth worldwide.

"Syngenta really does embody the merging of science and business to ensure we can continue supporting those who feed the world."



Bryony Parker, Senior Stakeholder Engagement Manager at SCI® Where Science Meets Business, added: "We had a brilliant time hearing about the development plans for their manufacturing campus, learning about their revolutionary plant protecting product PLINAZOLIN® technology, followed by a great tour of their plant and an opportunity to meet

new members!"

We employ over 450 team members at our Huddersfield site and are dedicated to making important crop protection products that help growers meet ever increasing demands for food, feed and fuel.

Syngenta staff raise £3,000 donation for local good causes

Employees at Syngenta Huddersfield Manufacturing Centre, who are members of Unite the Union, were offered a small personal gift at Christmas through their Workplace Branch.

The site Reps gave members an option to receive a gift voucher or to donate the cash equivalent to charity. A generous £1,500 was raised for three local good causes - Focus 4 Hope; Holme Valley Mountain Rescue and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Syngenta kindly agreed to match Unite's donation and cheques were presented for £1,000 to each cause.

Syngenta Senior Unite Representative, Neil Thornton said "We gave our members a choice of a small gift or a donation to charity and we're delighted to have

raised £1,500 which has been matched by the company, to make a total donation of £3,000. Focus 4 Hope offer care, compassion and hope to vulnerable people; Holme Valley Mountain Rescue provide search and rescue services and The Yorkshire Air Ambulance service receive no funding from Government and all three good causes rely on donations to provide vital services to people in distress. We're thankful to our members for their generosity and also to Syngenta for match funding."



400 Local School Children delighted with Panto Treat

For the 9th year, employees from Syngenta Huddersfield have supported the Lawrence Batley Theatre Christmas Heroes appeal by making a generous donation through the 'Syngenta Employees Community Gift'.

Pantomime is often a child's first experience of theatre but for many children and their families in Kirklees, a festive trip to the theatre just isn't possible. Lawrence Batley Theatre's annual Christmas Hero appeal enables those in our community, who need it the most, to experience the absolute joy that pantomime brings as we invite children and their families from across Kirklees to Lawrence Batley Theatre.

Syngenta invited 400 local children to visit Lawrence Batley Theatre to see a festive pantomime, Beauty & The Beast. Syngenta arranged transport to and from the theatre and treated each child to an ice cream at the interval.

Becky Dash, Chief Executive of Lawrence Batley Theatre said: "Thank you to the incredible Syngenta team for once again supporting our Christmas Heroes appeal. Our mission is to ignite curiosity in young people and help shape the theatre-goers of tomorrow. Live performance builds confidence, strengthens communication skills and offers a powerful sense of belonging as young people experience stories unfolding right in front of them. It encourages empathy, teamwork and the joy of shared discovery. That's the impact we aim to bring to our community, and with Syngenta's invaluable support, we're proud to open these opportunities to even more young people this year."

Diane Schalge, Treasurer of the Syngenta Employees Community Gift said: "Another absolutely wonderful trip to the Lawrence Batley Theatre for Beauty and the Beast, one of my personal favourites, and wasn't it just spectacular? Oh yes it was!"



The Christmas Hero initiative continues to be a highlight of my year, and I'm so proud that Syngenta can play a part in creating these special memories for local children. Seeing the excitement and wonder on the children's faces as they were transported into the enchanting world of the pantomime was truly special.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the organisers who make it possible, the dedicated theatre staff who ensured everything ran smoothly, and the talented performers who brought such energy and joy to the stage. Sign me up for next year immediately!"

To make a donation or for more information about the Christmas Heroes appeal, visit the Lawrence Batley Theatre website <https://www.theibt.org/support-us/christmas-heroes/> or call their Box Office on 01484 430528.

Connecting Communities Event Still Cherished

2025 saw another successful event, which brings together local good causes and Syngenta staff, with a view to maximising use of its Syngenta Employees Community Gift scheme – a fund where staff make contributions from wages to help local community groups with their projects.

Staff link up with groups and hear about what is happening in the community, with a view to tapping in to resources of the Gift Fund, match funded by Syngenta.

Every Community Group who attended on the day received a £250 donation from the Syngenta Employees Community Gift, to show appreciation for giving up their time to attend. Groups who attended this occasion included: The Welcome Centre, Forget Me Not Child, Give a Few Words, HomeStart, Age UK (Kirklees), Carers Count Kirklees, Support 2 Recovery, Children's Heart Surgery Fund (LGI), the Lighthouse.

For more information about the Syngenta Employees Community Gift Scheme, please email: contact.huddersfield@syngenta.com

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