

## **Spotlight On Furniture Recycling transcript**

Narrator said: "Allerdale Borough Council is urging its residents to recycle their old furniture when they no longer need it.

"Many people use the Council's bulky collection service to take away their large items however this carries a charge and the items end up going to landfill – even though they may be of a good enough quality to be re-used by someone else.

"Instead, the Council would like people to consider donating their household items to community initiatives such as Impact Furniture Services, which will pick them up free of charge – provided they are of re-usable quality – and take them to its showroom in Workington, where they can find a new home."

Margaret Graham, project officer for Impact Furniture Services, said: "People can bring or ring up and donate the furniture to us that we will go and collect, anything really that you need to make up your home, furniture, white goods, bric brac, electrical items, small electrical items and large electrical items and we test them and make sure they are safe before we put them out for re-use.

"There's lots of people donating their unwanted items to us and there's lots of people thankful for to be able to come and purchase the items. We have a wide range of people, we have got environmentalists that really want to be green and instead of buying new furniture they want to have pre-loved furniture and then we have got people referred to us from Social Services and other community groups where they want to get value for money and set up their homes as cheaply as possible. We do try and set things out so people can see how things would look in their home, we

have a sitting room setting here with a nice fire and fire surround, ornaments, T.V., wall unit, coffee table, rug, lovely leather suite, what more could anyone want.

“If the items weren’t going to be re-used it all goes to landfill and every ton saved from landfill equates to 8.8 tons of carbon emissions in the environment, so every ton that we save going to landfill has quite an impact on the environment. The space we have got and how we can set things out, but the variety of what we have got, the variety that we have got, the quality that we have, its hard to believe that people would just throw it away and the people that are discarding it are really, really pleased that it is going to be re-used rather than just go in the ground. People who haven’t got money to go and buy new really appreciate what they can come here and get, why dump it when you can donate it”.