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2024 Annual Report Published

REAL has released its seventh annual report for the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme, providing a comprehensive overview of the scheme and highlighting key developments in 2024.

By the end of 2024, there were 175 certified CCS processes across the UK: 128 in England, 10 in Scotland, 11 in Wales, and 6 in Northern Ireland.

The report further includes an overview of the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme and the Research Hub's 2024 Annual Report, underscoring ongoing efforts to advance quality standards across the sector.

You can read the full report [here](#).

REAL Welcomes New Research Hub Manager

The CCS is delighted to announce the appointment of a new Research Hub Manager Grace Egan, who will be working closely with both the Compost/Biofertiliser Certification Schemes.

The Research Hub plays a vital role in strengthening the technical foundations of the Schemes, supporting innovation and evidence-based decision-making in the organics recycling sector. The new manager will lead the day-to-day operations of the Hub, including, stakeholder engagement and communications, as well as providing secretariat support to the Research Panel.

As a central point of contact for the Hub, the new Manager will also represent the Hub at Producers' Fora and other key events, helping to ensure the research priorities of CCS are clearly communicated and effectively delivered. We are confident they will help drive forward the Hub's mission to support continual improvement across the industry.

We look forward to the new Manager's contributions as they work alongside the CCS team and support the scientific development.

You can contact Grace at grace@realschemes.org.uk

For more on the Research Hub, please visit: www.realresearchhub.org.uk.

Overcoming sample collection and courier issues

REAL has released a new guidance document to support CCS and BCS participants with sample dispatch. The document offers practical advice for those who have experienced challenges with courier collections and introduces an alternative option: dropping off samples at courier depots (where available).

This approach has already helped some participants reduce delays and gain more control over when samples leave site.

The option is currently available via FedEx and must be arranged in advance with your Approved Laboratory.

The full guidance document can be read [here](#)

For any questions, please contact oliver@realschemes.org.uk or speak directly with your Approved Laboratory.

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