



# Middleton Balers Support The Co-operative's Sustainability Targets

## The **co-operative**

An important element in The Co-operative's drive for zero waste, Middleton Engineering has been supplying quality baling equipment for plastic and card to the Group's distribution centres, including the merged Kwik-Save and Somerfield businesses, since 1997.

Rationalisation of the Group's food distribution depots has so far created a network of 16 distribution centres serving 4,000 supermarkets across the country. As part of this process, Middleton Engineering is now helping managers to evaluate their changing recycling equipment needs and refurbishing the existing equipment before re-installing it in the new centres.

Out of a fleet of 21 balers and conveyors, Middletons have so far refurbished balers from five depots re-installing them at new sites in Birtley, Newhouse and Andover. A sixth baler is currently being prepared for the Avonmouth site, with more to follow.

### Benefits

- Expert advice on the most appropriate equipment
- As new refurbishment and re-commissioning
- Low cost solution to on-going baling requirements
- Fully supporting The Co-operative's sustainability targets

"Middletons has been providing and servicing balers and conveyors to us for 15 years – we're delighted with the service, the depth of the relationship we have with the company and indeed the quality of the product."

"Given our investment in Middleton plant, it was a natural choice for us to refurbish the balers, instead of replacing them. We knew that Middleton refurbished balers would perform as efficiently and reliably as new ones, and their engineering expertise meant we could easily modify the equipment to meet each warehouse's requirements."

**Nigel Pilkington,**  
National Warehouse  
Equipment Manager,  
The Co-operative Group



*HB60 HM baler ready for delivery to customer*



*HB60 HM baler ready for refurbishment at Middleton's Glastonbury engineering centre*



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