



## Unipart Wins Gold for Corporate Social Responsibility

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Unipart Group has achieved gold status for the second year running in the Business in the Community's Corporate Responsibility Index, the UK's leading benchmark of responsible business, putting us amongst some of the top companies in the world for best environmental, community, workplace and business practice.

This second overall gold award rewards the commitment shown across the Group to achieving improvements in all aspects of Corporate Responsibility, but some of the best recognised achievements come from our support for the community.

Last year, the Group provided some £150,000 in cash and in kind to support employees in fund raising for charities. Community initiatives ranged from blood donor sessions to providing dedicated facilities for Sea Scouts.

Work with schools continues to be a focus of community activity. A team from Unipart Logistics worked with Oxford Community School to develop new business courses that better reflect "real world" requirements. Students from a number of schools have also attended short presentation skills courses in The Unipart U.

Two further initiatives also involved helping socially excluded people. The InspireEd project at Cowley provided educational and vocational training to permanently excluded Year 11 students from the Oxford area, while our sponsorship for BITC's "Ready for Work" programme saw five homeless people brought back to work using a "buddy system" in the Cowley Distribution Centre.

Increasingly, the BITC CR Index is becoming not only a benchmark but a recognised requirement for doing business at the highest levels, with participation in it seen as a clear indication of a company's commitment to reducing its environmental impact and boosting its responsibility as an employer, neighbour and business partner.

In the spirit of the Unipart Way, we have shown continuous improvement in our scores for each of the last five years.

A full round-up of the results of the top 100 UK companies appeared in the Businesses that Count supplement in *The Sunday Times* on Sunday May 25.

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**Notes to editors**

Unipart Group employs more than 9,000 worldwide and has a annual turnover of more than £1.1billion. Unipart provides a wide spectrum of logistics services to its customers across a range of customer market sectors.

Unipart Group is a major force in logistics for blue-chip customers such as Jaguar, Vodafone UK, 3, BSkyB, Halfords, Homebase, Fujitsu and Airbus and is the UK's leading provider of logistics, parts distribution and supply chain solutions to the independent motor trade, national fast fit and commercial vehicle sectors.

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