



Paper facts

Paper, Paper everywhere

Did you know

- The first paper serviette was introduced in 1887.
- The first Valentines Card was produced on 14th February 1667 and this was recorded in Samuel Pepys diary. It was very elaborate and decorated with fine lace.
- There are over 60 grades of paper in Europe.
- Over 1 million tonnes of newspaper and magazines are recycled each year.

Source: www.paper.org.uk

- The first toll motorway may be the most romantic route in the world because 2.5 million pulped Mills & Boons novels were used to build it! Engineers found the pulp helped bind the other materials used to surface the £90 million 20 mile stretch of the M6 in the Midlands. Not only do they help make the road quieter but it is more environmentally friendly! Source: [www.deploymentmx.sequence.co.uk/WAW Kids/wackywastefacts.html](http://www.deploymentmx.sequence.co.uk/WAW_Kids/wackywastefacts.html)
- Every year the average British family throws away 6 trees worth of paper (Source: Waste Watch).

The Confederation of Paper Industries Ltd based in Swindon have excellent teaching packs and information which is free to download on their website www.paper.org.uk.

