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## ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL GOVERNANCE Newsletter 2022/23

## A message from our Directors

### Diana Evans, Robert Veale and Craig Newcombe







We are all too aware that no organisation operates in isolation. Indeed, our business prides itself on the relationships it builds, and interaction it has with, employees, customers, suppliers and stakeholders.

Our double delight sustainability plan is about managing these relationships to produce an overall positive impact on society, whilst adding value to the business and those involved with it.

When the business began in 1999 it was based on a promise to delight our customers – not an idle boast since 98% of customers say they would recommend and use the company's services again.

We have always believed that the staff are key to our success and am confident that they will embrace the initiatives outlined in our plan with the same enthusiasm and dedication that they have delivered to the growth of the company.





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...to change how we work as a business so we are increasingly more thoughtful towards our social, environmental, and governance responsibilities.

We pledged to educate ourselves and our staff and to work towards a brighter future, by making conscious decisions daily.

## 2022 PLEDGE



# **ATTHE BEGINNING OF 2022 WE PLEDGED.**

## WE APPLIED OUR DELIGIOUR ETHICS TO OUR ESG POLICY

DEDICATED ENTHUSIASTIC LIKEABLE IMPROVING GIVING HUNGRY TEAMWORK

to change

about improving our surroundings

to our local connections and each other

our habits

to our colleagues and clients

to learn

to make a real change





Promote greener ways to travel To assess our renewable energy usage Reduce our energy usage and carbon footprint Lower our plastic and paper consuption

# OUR2022 PLEDGE

AT THE BEGINIGING OF 2022, WE LOOKED AT OUR BUSINESS AND ESTABILSHED AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT.

Be an IIP Gold approved employer Promote mental health training Raise over £2500 for charity Assess continuous development of staff Buy ethically and sustainably

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## HEREISWHAT WEACHEIVED IN 2022





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### **PROMOTE GREENER WAYS TO TRAVEL**

We saved 93,425KG in Co2 emissions through rail travel as opposed to using a petrol car for the same journey

### **TO USE RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2023**

We switched all three sites to carbon-neutral energy sources by the end of 2022, one year early.

### **BUY ETHICALLY AND SUSTAINABLY**

We buy from Ethical Superstore in bulk to purchase ethically and sustainably as well as minimise travel costs and Co2

### **EDUCATE ON GREEN CHOICES**

Environmental staff awareness increased by over 30%, as shown by a survey completed by staff.

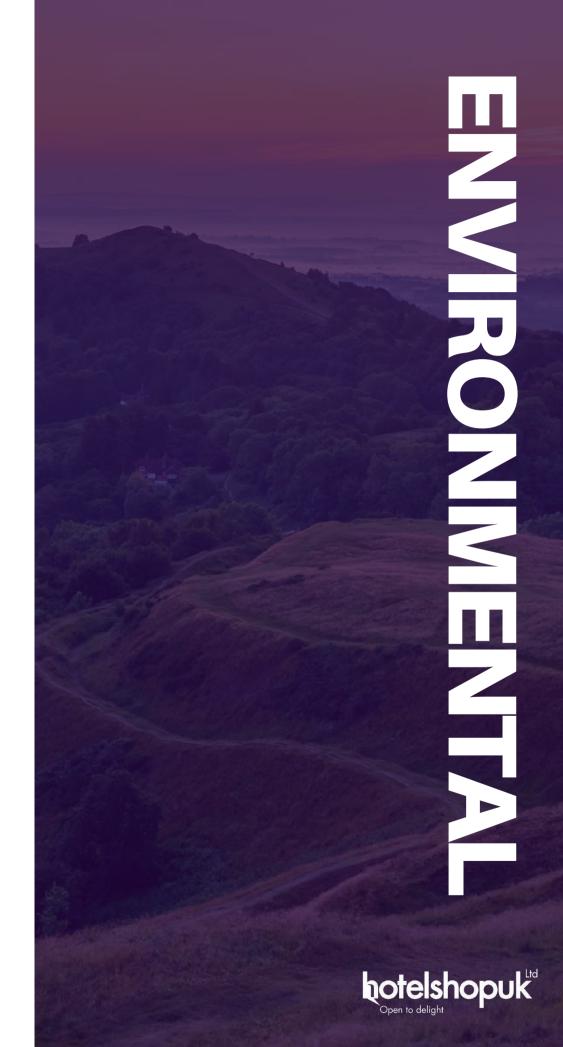
Reduction of plastic and paper waste through education and system examination.

Digital business cards were introduced to reduce paper waste, alongside introducing digital versions of documents to save print waste with paper recycling reduced from 26kg per employee in 2021 to 17kg.

Water butts were installed to use for garden wate, saving minimum of 210 litres.



By selling 1000 save 50,000KG





## OUR GREEN TEAM WORKS TO EDUCATE ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES



The Green Team works to help create a better environment, in the workplace and also in the local community.

- Install recycling points in all offices
- Work digitally rather than print
- Installed bike racks to promote green travel.
- Litter picking
- Helped to promote sustainability and more sustainable choices.



### every green step counts

**In 2022 we recycled 44% more than in 2021** Cardboard - 1840kg in 2022 vs 900kg in 2021 Plastic/Tin/Cans - 438kg in 2022 vs 382kg in 2021 Paper - 2350kg in 2022 vs 1935kg in 2021



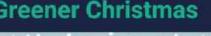














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### **Green Team** every green step counts

### From advice to getting involved! We do all we can for our environment.







Online shopping this Black Friday could lead to 386,000 tonnes of carbon being emitted into the atmosphere the equivalent impact of more than 215,000 return flights from London to Sydney.

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### Fine tune your heating

Save up to £80 a year by turning your heating down by just  $1^{\circ}C$  - and you probably won't even notice the difference.















## **BE AN IIP GOLD APPROVED EMPLOYER**

We were reissued our Gold IIP accreditation

## **PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING**

We now have 1x mental health first aider, 2 mental health champion and 11 managers of mental health in the workplace.

### RAISED £2623.70 FOR CHARITY

We surpassed our £2500 target for charity this year by our Annual Golf day, staff challenges and donations. This went to St Richards Hospice

## **CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF STAFF**

682 courses were taken by staff in 2022, compared to 286 in 2021!











## **WERAISED** £2623.70FOR STRICHARDS HOSPICECHARITY

## OUR CARE TEAM WAS SET UP IN 2020 DURING THE PANDEMIC.



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## OUR CARE TEAM ENSURES EVERYONE HAS SUPPORT

The mental health and wellbeing of our staff is important to us.

We ensure we give our staff outlets to talk and motivation to work on their own mental health along with the occasion to relax and get together as a team.



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From supporting each other to enjoying each others company. We work at our work relationships to support each other.













# GOVERNANCE

### HOW WE ACHIEVED OUR MISSION



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We revieced our Gold Award IIP accreditaion for another year.

## **ENSURE MANAGEMENT LEAD THE WAY WITH REGARD TO ESG RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

ESG is discussed at Board level and with dedicated SMT meetings scheduled throughout the year.

We annually review our key supplier's social and ESGI practices to make sure they remain in line with our overall company commitment and framework

### **MAINTAIN OUR ISO QUALITY ACCREDITATION** Our annual ISO audit was completed and reissued.

## **MAINTAIN OUR GOLD IIP ACCREDITATION**

## **ENSURE ALL POLICIES ARE UP TO DATE**

All policies are reviewed annually.

## **SUPPLIER REVIEWS**

## MOVING FORVARD



## THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO. BUT WE BELIEVE WE ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH.

2022 brought a big shift in how the whole company works in terms of ESG. We rallied as a team to shift through processes to make our working environment more sustainable and enjoyable to be in.

Now with solid foundations built, we set our path and journey to becoming carbon net zero.

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Introduction of a formalised carbon reduction plan (carbon neutral by 2030 and net zero by 2035).

Increase buy-in to being green as a normal part of working life by 10%.

Silver accredited carbon literate organization by end of 2023.

Save 100Kg co2 through rail travel packages.

Reduce paper and plastic recycling even further by 15%.

10% of staff trained in mental health.

Increase of charitable donations by 50%.

Increase our community volunteering hours by 25% and mentoring hours by 10%. Continue to purchase 90% office supplies through ethical or social means.

Introduce a formalized DELIGHT programme to embed clear organization goals and values.

All board members to undertake a minimum of 16 hrs CPD annually.

Ensure all policies, procedures are audited. reviewed and updated annually. Retain accreditations: Ecovadis, IIP and ISO 2001:2015.

Monthly BU meetings to be undertaken with all relevant staff on business and financial performance.

Bi annual company updates to the whole group of staff sharing financial and business performance.

# **WEHAVE PLANS FOR** 2023

Having made massive steps in our EGS steps in 2022, 2023 has a lot to live up to!

Our focus will continue on being carbon neutral by 2030 and net zero by 2025 as well as further improvement to staff environments through clear governance and social actions.





