

# Green Paper

## Print, People, Planet.

Our mission is to produce the highest quality sustainable print with honesty and integrity. Inspired by four generations before us, determined to find the best and the most ethical route for generations to come.

To make more from less is possible. For us, improving quality and reducing costs and our impact on the planet go hand-in-hand. Using renewable energy, fewer inks, and offering paper from responsibly managed forests, being carbon neutral will never compromise the standard of our work, in short, we are print progressives, or print optimists, if you like.

### Duty of Care

#### We are B CORP certified

We consider B Corporation to be the most rigorous social and environmental audit scheme there is. Ensuring companies meet the highest standards of environmental AND social performance, transparency, and accountability. BCORP could change the world.

#### We are still EMAS in our soul

Our environmental management system remains to be the standard set to the rigorous EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). Previously 6 years accredited.

#### We are ISO14001:2015

We have upgraded to the 2015 standard. As the most recognised environmental management standard in the world, this is a big deal in itself.

#### We are carbon neutral

We have been since 2006. A zero carbon footprint is a good target because it focuses attention and makes us gather the data.

#### We are FSC

We always recommend clients choose certified papers from well-managed forests. The criteria for these papers are to conserve biological diversity and ancient woodlands, protect indigenous groups, and combat climate change. One day, we hope sustainable paper sources will be mandatory throughout the print industry. Ask us more about paper options.

#### We use vegetable inks

They're better for the planet and better quality. We've been using them since the last millennium. We also use computer-to-plate technology, which removes the need for toxic chemicals. Our B2 Press is super-efficient on ink and energy.

#### We use solar power

The solar panels go a long way to powering two of our main presses in building 2. They also look beautiful, or handsome, depending on which way your sun shines.

#### We use renewable energy

Aside from our solar power, the rest of our electricity comes from Ecotricity, the world's first green electricity company and still the most advanced. They invest more in creating renewable energy than all other UK suppliers put together. We're on the 100% Green Energy tariff, which means everything we produce at Generation Press is powered entirely by the wind and the sun.

#### We reuse and recycle

We reuse and recycle all materials wherever possible. We now recycle 99.6% of our waste, and just 0.4% goes to landfill. We make our business card boxes from 100% recycled card, and our christmas cards are made from upcycling paper.



### We deliver

Our packaging is Greenwrap – a sustainable replacement for oil-based plastic packaging materials (bubblewrap and polychips). Greenwrap is biodegradable, derived solely from certified, sustainably managed forests, and is 100% recyclable and compostable. We also recycle the packaging that vendors send to us. All deliveries are Carbon Neutral.

### We are digital

Technological advancements enable us to offer clients affordable, world-class print options without compromising our environmental objectives. We cannot stress enough how important this is for us.

### We reduce waste

We commit to environmental protection, and continual improvement, prevention of pollution, protection of biodiversity and eco-systems, water and air quality, all reinforced through our previous EMAS standards and annually ISO14001: 2015. Where we cannot reuse or recycle, we dispose of our waste using the most responsible and safest methods available. All general waste is disposed of in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Duty-of-Care) Regulations 2003, and any waste IT is disposed of in line with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations.

### We do a bit more

Our Buy A Bike Scheme, which is open to any employee to purchase a bicycle via the company and pay off monthly, encourages cycling to work with on average four employees regularly doing so. We also insist that all journeys to and from London are by train and we recommend eco-taxis whenever buses or the underground are not viable.

We drink ethical tea and coffee with fair trade, organic sugar and a drop of our amazing, locally produced, high-welfare milk. Even our loo roll and coffee machine are BCorp certified.

### We plant trees

6960 trees to date in the UK. Alder, Beech, Broom, Crab Apple, Dogwood, Gorse, Hazel, Juniper, Lime, Maple, Rowan, Scots Pine, Spindle, Sweet Chestnut, Walnut, Wild Cherry, Wild Pear, Wild Plum, Wych Elm, and Yew. So far, we've funded the planting of trees across the East/West Sussex border. From the very edge of Dartmoor in Devon, Leswidden Forest in Cornwall, and Sparks Wood in Kent, and most recently Knepp Wildland in West Sussex.

We save on average 5kg of CO2 per tree per year. For 6960 trees, that's 30 tonnes of carbon per year. This saving is in addition to our Carbon Neutral assessment offsetting, this is our 'carbon negative' annual contribution. Ges above and beyond being carbon neutral.

### Nuts and bolts

We continually improve our Environmental Management System (EMS) to enhance our environmental performance. We've integrated environmental management into all our business activities and provide a framework for setting, appraising, and reviewing environmental objectives and targets set at management review. Our EMS is designed to meet the requirements of the high standards of the ECO\_management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) which was officially suspended due to Brexit. This report will be used to maintain a certified BCORP corporation status. Currently in the evaluation cue... watch this 'green' space.

Paul Hewitt

Owner / Managing Director

Signed:



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