



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third edition of the Environmental Newsletter.

Our ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Pre-Audit was carried out by BSI in January, and I am pleased to say that this went well, however there are a number of areas we all need to be more vigilant in, for instance; not leaving lights or computers on in unattended rooms, making sure all containers are clearly labelled, and most importantly understanding Smith & Ouzman's environmental objectives and the reasons behind these.

For those who would like to contribute any environmental information, please do not hesitate to see me, or a member of the Environmental Team.

Jenny Filsell
HR/IMS Officer

PACKING PROPOSAL

ERIC LANDAMORE – WORKS MANAGER

'At present we pack the majority of export jobs into normal boxes of 2,000 or similar and then for protection in transit, we pack 4 to 6 boxes at a time into triple flute (triwall) cartons. My proposal is to do away with the outer triwall cartons and use only four large sheets of triwall to wrap the outer sides of a finished pallet; thus reducing material costs and production time.'

'The proposal is driven by cutting production time and job costs. It will have environmental advantages in so much as it would consume significantly less triwall material and subsequently less waste at the end user.'

S&O OBJECTIVES

The ongoing environmental objectives for the company are to:

- Reduce waste and disposal to landfill
- Reduce polluting emissions
- Reduce consumption of energy and water
- Increase the proportion of materials used from sustainable sources and with a lower environmental impact

The objectives and targets for 2008 are:

To measure and monitor the quantities of site-generated wastes.

Target: Reduce waste arising from previous years.

To improve the usage of energy and cut down on CO₂ emissions.

Target: Address fuel and electricity consumption through a raised awareness of energy saving techniques.

To improve staff environmental awareness.

Target: Raise staff awareness of environmental issues and how business practices contribute.

PROGRESS SO FAR

Waste Disposal and Recycling

Two bins hired for recycling plastic wrap.

Data will be gathered throughout 2008 to assess the level of recycling achieved.

Reduce Water Consumption

A water management system has been installed in Brampton Road men's toilets.

Data will be gathered from bills and assessed at the end of 2008.

Environmental Awareness

Raise staff awareness of environmental issues and how business practices contribute.

DVD shown throughout April.



RECYCLING

PLEASE REMEMBER to CRUSH your aluminium drinks cans before disposing of them at the recycling points! AND when the bag is FULL please don't leave it for the next person to empty...

THANK YOU

It has been noted the amount of plastic drinking bottles that are being disposed of in the general rubbish bins. We will be purchasing bins to be placed alongside the Can Recycling bins for plastic drinks bottles, as these can be collected and recycled by the same company.

FLUORESCENT TUBES

We will be conducting a trial of energy saving fluorescent tubes in a part of the Print Room. These new tubes are meant to conduct as much light as the standard tubes already being used, yet they will save approximately £14.00 per light over a 5 year period.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM MEMBER

SIMON PAYNE – PURCHASING

'I joined the environmental team primarily because I thought it would be an interesting project to be a part of, and also because I believe that we've all got our part to play when it comes to cleaning up our own little corner of the world. Smith & Ouzman is very much a part of the community here in Eastbourne and I think it reflects well on the company to be striving for ISO 14001 registration, and hopefully inspiring other local businesses to at least consider their own environmental impact.'

'Printing is traditionally considered to be a 'dirty' profession, but this has very much changed in recent years with a move towards safer and reduced chemical use, and many of the raw materials we use every day now being produced from well managed, sustainable sources. This all adds up to us living and working in a safer, cleaner environment.'



World Environment Day (WED) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972. WED is hosted every year by a different city and commemorated with an international exposition through the week of June 5. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), also created in 1972, uses WED to stimulate awareness of the environment and enhance political attention and public action.

The World Environment Day slogan for 2008 is Kick the Habit! Towards a Low Carbon Economy. Recognising that climate change is becoming the defining issue of our era, UNEP is asking countries, companies and communities to focus on greenhouse gas emissions and how to reduce them. The World Environment Day will highlight resources and initiatives that promote low carbon economies and life-styles, such as improved energy efficiency, alternative energy sources, forest conservation and eco-friendly consumption.

The main international celebrations of World Environment Day 2008 will be held in New Zealand.

The day's agenda is to give a human face to environmental issues; empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development; promote an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards environmental issues; and advocate partnership, which will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future.

www.UNEP.org



DID YOU KNOW?



As I am expecting in September, I have stumbled across some interesting information with regards to nappies!! I thought I would share it with you as I was quite surprised myself.

- 90% of disposable nappy waste ends up in landfill sites, where they hang around for some 200 years before finally rotting
- For every £1 spent on disposables it costs the taxpayers 10p to dispose of the resulting waste - 40 million every year
- Seven million trees are cut down each year to supply the paper pulp to make disposable nappies in the UK. Cotton nappies use three and a half times less energy in their manufacture, produce 60 times less waste and involve the consumption of less water, including laundering, than their disposable counterparts. Using real nappies can save £600 in a baby's first year.
- Currently, only one in ten nappies changed in the UK is non-disposable, in the US the figure is 40%
- 80 tonnes of nappies are discarded every hour in Britain
- Using real nappies helps reduce pollution and helps protect the environment your baby will inherit.
- 9 million nappies are used in Britain every day.

A baby will use around 5,000 disposable nappies in its nappy lifetime!

Perhaps those of us with children or grand-children that wear nappies will take these statistics into consideration when next buying a pack of nappies.

Jenny Filsell