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Specialist printers & converters of fine quality tissues

OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY SINCE WE STARTED THE COMPANY IN 1999, WE HAVE MADE IT OUR AIM TO PRODUCE OUR TISSUE PAPER IN THE MOST SUSTAINABLE WAY WE CAN – THINKING ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF PRODUCTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND ON OURSELVES



TRADITIONALLY PAPER MILLS WERE BUILT NEXT TO RIVERS AS WATER IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE PAPER MAKING PROCESS, AND WATER WHEELS WERE ALSO USED TO GENERATE POWER.

WE BUILT A NEW HYDRO ELECTRIC PLANT, ALMOST EXACTLY WHERE IT HAD BEEN IN THE 1800'S, AND THIS NOW PRODUCES ENOUGH ELECTRICITY TO RUN ALL THE MACHINERY IN OUR FACTORY, AND IT FEEDS SOME BACK TO THE NATIONAL GRID AS WELL.





THE INTAKE – WATER IS DIVERTED FROM THE MAIN RIVER, THROUGH THE TURBINE, AND THEN BACK INTO THE RIVER ABOUT 100 METRES DOWNSTREAM



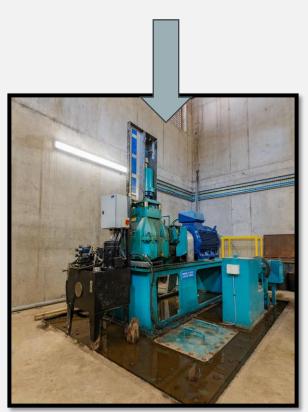
THE TURBINE – MOST OF THE MECHANICS OF THE TURBINE ARE UNDERGROUND– VERY BASICALLY IT IS LIKE A PLUG HOLE WITH A PROPELLOR WHICH TURNS AS THE WATER GOES DOWN THROUGH IT - A LOT MORE EFFICIENT AT POWER GENERATION THAN A WATER WHEEL!



THE TRASH RACKS – THESE MAKE SURE THAT NO DEBRIS (OR FISH!) FLOATING DOWN THE RIVER CAUSES DAMAGE TO THE MACHINE

THE MILL BUILDING AND WEIR – FROM THE OUTSIDE YOU CAN'T TELL THAT WE ARE 'USING' THE WATER TO PRODUCE ELECTRICITY





WE BUY HUGE REELS OF TISSUE PAPER FROM MANUFACTURERS IN EUROPE WHICH WE THEN PRINT AND SHEET TO SELL IN THE UK (MAINLY)

ALL THE PAPER WE BUY IS EITHER FSC CERTIFIED (FSC PAPER IS GUARANTEED TO COME FROM MANAGED FORESTS) OR MADE FROM 100% RECYCLED MATERIAL – POST INDUSTRIAL WASTE



All products on this document are: 100% PEFC certified № Chain of custody WOOD.BE-C/C-001546 FSC recycled 100% № Chain of custody WB-COC-001577





WE USE WATER BASED INKS – NOT SOLVENT BASED, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH CHEMICALS AND THE PAPER IS STILL RECYCLABLE ONCE IT IS PRINTED

THE PAPER WRAPPERS WE USE ARE ALSO MADE FROM 100% RECYCLED MATERIAL THE SEALING TAPE IS MADE OF PAPER

WE USE REUSED/RECYCLED PALLETS TO SEND OUT PRODUCTS TO OUR CUSTOMERS



AT THE END OF EACH PRINTING JOB, WE HAVE TO CLEAN DOWN THE PRINT MACHINES. AS WE USE WATER BASED INKS, WE CAN DO THIS WITH WATER. ALL THE WASTE WATER AND INK IS GATHERED INTO A LARGE TANK AND THEN FILTERED TO REMOVE THE INK PARTICLES - SO ALL WE PUT DOWN THE DRAIN IS CLEAN WATER









WITH ANY MANUFACTURING PROCESS THERE IS ALWAYS SOME WASTE. THE MAJORITY OF OUR WASTE CONSISTS OF PAPER, INK BUCKETS AND

SOME PLASTIC WRAPPERS, PLUS USED PAPER FROM THE OFFICE.

WE HAVE BAILING MACHINES AND WE SEPARATE ALL THE WASTE INTO DIFFERENT BATCHES AND THEN BAIL IT UP, READY TO TAKE TO THE PAPER RECYCLERS IN DARWEN. THEY ALSO RECYCLE THE BALES OF PLASTIC.



THE METAL INK BUCKETS CAN EASILY BE RECYCLED TOO.



PART OF BEING SUSTAINABLE IS CREATING A GOOD WORKING ENVIRONMENT... OUR BUILDING HAS MORE NATURAL LIGHT THAN MOST, AND WE HAVE A GREAT VIEW TO LOOK OUT ON -OCCASIONALLY WE EVEN SEE DEER!

WE CHANGED ALL THE LIGHTS IN THE FACTORY TO LEDS A WHILE AGO WHICH ARE MUCH BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

WE HAVE A SPECIALLY DESIGNED HEATING SYSTEM, WHICH HEATS JUST THE AREAS WE WORK IN, RATHER THAN THE WHOLE BUILDING, WHICH IS MORE FUEL EFFICIENT AND WE LOSE LESS HEAT INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

