



CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY POLICY STATEMENT

“With a committed and comprehensive Corporate Responsibility (CR) strategy our objective is to create, through our activities, a sustainable future for our business, maintain the well-being of our staff, support local communities and provide environmental products, services and solutions for our clients.”

“I am determined that Howard Smith Paper Group will be a leader in the paper industry with integrity, innovation and commitment to create real and sustainable value to our customers and the wider community.”

Malcolm Lane-Ley, Managing Director, Howard Smith Paper Group

Howard Smith Paper Group (HSPG) is a UK supplier of paper products to printers, publishers, designers and retailers. HSPG is part of the PaperlinX group, the largest global distributor of paper with coverage in 27 countries. The PaperlinX Group has a comprehensive Corporate Responsibility strategy, details of which can be found at www.paperlinx.com.

The Howard Smith Paper Group CR strategy is owned by the board of Directors. A clear structure of the boundaries and responsibilities, available on request, communicates clearly to our employees, customers, shareholders and other stakeholders the importance placed in how our business is managed.

Environmentally responsible

HSPG is committed to progressively minimise our impact on the environment. This will be achieved by appropriately managing our direct and indirect emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, through optimising resources and reducing the waste we send to landfill. We have measured our carbon footprint and have implemented challenging reduction targets.

Managing our effects on climate change is one part of our commitment to reducing our environmental impact. HSPG secured ISO 14001 in 1998. This international audited standard was created to help organisations minimize their environmental impact and strive for continual improvement.

Socially responsible

HSPG has a comprehensive and progressive Health & Safety programme. More than simply meeting legislative requirements, focusing on minimizing risk, we have an enviable record for managing the well being of our staff. We have introduced a Health and Well Being programme with advice for our staff on health issues, as well as providing free health checks.

Our community work includes the support of local charities both through monetary donations and by donating paper to support their marketing activities. Through product led initiatives we currently support the work of the World Land Trust, an ecological charity.

Procuring with integrity

A key element of our Corporate Responsibility is a committed sustainable procurement policy. All key suppliers are required to provide the environmental facts on their products and manufacturing impacts.

HSPG actively promotes sustainable forest management holding both Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). Complementing sustainable virgin fibre products, with Chain of Custody, we also offer a comprehensive range of recovered fibre products (recycled). HSPG commits only to knowingly procure products that originate from legal and sustainable sources.

Commitment to our customers

HSPG commits to providing clients with un-biased information and support through publishing a variety of information sheets and guides.

We are committed to providing sustainable services and product solutions to minimize our customers' environmental impact and enable them to become as resource efficient as possible.

Our Corporate Responsibility Policy is owned by the Directors and this statement will be reviewed annually.

Malcolm Lane-Ley
Managing Director Howard Smith Paper Group