

Environmental Initiatives

At our Swan Walk Shopping Centre, sustainability plays an important role in the decision making process. We realise the tremendous impact the built environment has on the world and we make every effort to help reduce it.

We believe it is important to share these efforts with our costumers so they understand how important sustainability is to us.

Do we recycle?

Yes we do. In fact, we have been recycling the centre waste since 1990.

- ✓ Last year, for example, we reduced the waste to landfill by 53%! We also removed all batteries and fluorescent tubes from the general waste stream and we introduced paper/card/plastic waste containers in the office.

How do we manage water and electricity?

- ✓ Water and electricity meters have been installed and consumption is continuously monitored. Since 2003, all light fittings are energy efficient and 17% of all energy consumed comes from renewable sources.
- ✓ Switching has been installed to ensure lighting and power is only consumed at critical business operation hours. Furthermore, we turn the mall heating units off whenever possible.

Do we care about local community?

Oh yes, we do!

- ✓ Since 1994, we have been providing mall space for local community. Over the last two years, the mall space was used for Personal Safety Week working with eh Community Safety Partnership, Blood Donation, PSCO Free mobile phone marking and Horsham Fairtrade promotion of Fairtrade Fortnight.
- ✓ Since 2008, we run a very successful event in conjunction with cancer Research UK. Over £60,000 has been raised so far with donations used to stock the two shops in Horsham.
- ✓ The Swan Walk Shopping Centre has been a Childsafe Zone since 2005. We offer free children's wristbands to parents shopping in the centre.
- ✓ Over 1,000 Bags for Life have been sold in our centre since 2009.

What are our future plans?

- We aim to increase recycling of plastic and other materials.
- We plan to refurbish our toilets and include automatic taps and water saving equipment.
- We will continue to investigate use of solar panels for centre management electricity.
- We are exploring the possibility of using the Swan Walk control room as a hub for Shop Watch radio system for whole town centre.