



Ashford

Quality, Environment & Sustainability Policy

Aim: It is the policy of Ashford Colour Press Ltd to improve customer service through more efficient processes and communication while actively protecting the environment. We are committed to being a sustainable business by applying the three pillars of sustainability (Environment, Community and Economic).

Ashford Colour Press Ltd is a long established, privately owned, lithographic and digital printing company specialising in the efficient production of high-quality printed materials for educational, journal and media manual sectors.

We have established an integrated management system that focuses on both quality and environmental management and applies, as a catalyst the following standards: ISO 9001 for quality along with ISO 14001 and FSC[®] Chain of Custody to address environmental controls. Environmental requirements have been integrated into everyday activities supporting a sustainable approach to work and are incorporated within our management system documents.

Our commitment to our integrated management system and sustainability ensures:

- Compliance with customer, regulatory and other relevant requirements.
- Identification of objectives relevant to quality and responsible social and environmental practices.
- Implementation of controls that will manage the significant impacts of our activities and support our commitment to protect the environment and grow our business in a sustainable way.
- Reducing our Greenhouse gas emissions by systematically improving energy efficiency and adopting the use of 100 % renewable energy.
- Adoption of environmental best practice across activities and application of the principles of the waste hierarchy (Eliminate, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).
- Focus to assist our customers meet their carbon reduction objectives.
- Identification of carbon reduction opportunities and a programme of targeted reductions to manage water, air emissions, materials and chemicals.
- Comply with the FSC[®] (Forest Stewardship Council) Chain of Custody requirements and sourcing paper from sustainable sources and meeting Core Labour requirements.

We are committed to continually improving the Integrated Management System and environmental performance through a programme of management audits and reviews to ensure its continued effectiveness. We are also committed to supporting our customers with their carbon reduction commitments and have signed up to the 'Book Chain Projects Labour and Environment module' to report on our CO₂ and follow the Carbon Maturity Roadmap to identify emission reduction opportunities and set a realistic and achievable plan for overall carbon reduction.

This Policy is communicated to our employees, people working for or on our behalf, and other interested parties on request. A copy is also available on our web site.

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[This policy is made available to relevant interested parties externally on our website and internally through training and awareness programmes.](#)