

A Pocket Guide to Sustainability

A REVIEW OF 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

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An Introduction to Brett Sustainability



Richard Baldry
Managing Director

At Brett Landscaping, we continue to look at every aspect of our business and have committed to ensuring sustainable operations and a resilient supply chain.

As a responsible manufacturer, we understand the importance of making everything we do as environmentally sustainable as possible and are constantly working to reduce carbon emissions.

Over the last year, with the rollout of projects like our rainwater harvesting at all four sites and the implementation of the 5-Star Sustainability Ratings on the range, we have made progress - but we understand that even more needs to be done.

We have seen great success, and if we all work together - we can continue to make a difference.



Phil Litchfield
Sustainability Manager

From reducing packaging to increasing renewable energy use, we have worked very hard in all aspects of sustainability at Brett Landscaping.

As well as further improvements in lean manufacturing, we are working to eliminate plastic wrapping and working with the industry to utilise materials with high recycled content.

Across all Brett sites, we are looking at reducing absolute carbon produced, pushing more efficient manufacturing of our products to reduce our energy demand and further support Net Zero.

Brett's customers can be confident that we are constantly looking at ways to improve efficiency and sustainability while producing the highest quality products.

Brett. Built On Relationships.

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2023 Highlights

Environmental



reduction of plastic used in bags, hoods and shrinkwrap. *(Between 2013 and 2023).*



of renewable solar energy was generated on-site in 2023, with 15,651kg CO2e of carbon offset.



of rainwater harvested since the start of the project in 2022, with all four Brett Landscaping sites operational as of summer 2024.



energy reduction projected through insulation & Fast acting doors projects. This will save approx 98,000 kg CO2e per year.



2023 Highlights

Social



308

employees attended "Vision Zero" workshops in 2023, equating to 462 employee contact training hours.



All senior managers hold IOSH Safer and Healthier by Leadership Qualifications.



A Mental Health Champions network across Brett with a dedicated Employee Assistance Hotline to support mental well-being.

Economic



product ranges now have verified, published carbon measures associated to them.

Over 36



Brett has signed an agreement with the Pallet Loop Charter to support the circular economy.



15%

recycled content now makes up the backing mix of Premium Plus products.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Our sustainability strategy is a strong mission for positive change through cross-functional collaboration to deliver sustainable operations, a resilient supply chain, and a commitment to drive social and environmental change.

Environmental Goals:



From working towards our 'Remove or Reduce' plastic packaging strategy to our investments at manufacturing sites to provide sustainable and renewable energy solutions, we take responsibility to ensure we minimise the impact we have on the environment.

Economical Goals:



Through product innovation and purposeful material waste recycling we continue to ensure the products we produce contribute towards building sustainable cities and communities. As an independent business, we understand the importance of transparency. We strive to ensure our sustainability credentials are clear, precise, and attainable.

Social Goals:



We care about our people and the people around us. From supporting individuals and communities who have the desire to renovate public outdoor spaces to ensure our employee's Health, Safety, and Mental well-being are protected by ongoing our Vision Zero campaign.

We actively support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and make an ongoing commitment to keep them at the core of our strategy, ensuring we make an impact toward building an inclusive, sustainable, and resilient future for people and the planet.

5-Star Sustainability Rating



Understanding a product's sustainable credentials is important in landscaping designs. That's why we are rolling out our 5-star Sustainability Rating for all Brett Products.

Only our most sustainable products meet the Brett Landscaping 5-star rating. These products use Renewable energy, Harvested rainwater, Recycled materials, and much more.

These ratings will be displayed on the product pages of our products, in our 2025 literature and on product packaging labels.

Stage 1:



= 100% Recyclable product.

Stage 2:



= Stage 1 plus 100% recyclable packaging.

Stage 3:



= Stage 1 & 2 plus packaging contains 30% recycled content & Harvested water used.

Stage 4:



= Stage 1,2 & 3 plus product offers a flood prevention solution.

Stage 5:



= Stage 1,2,3 or 4 plus Renewable energy used & Contains recycled materials.

The Future Vision 2050 and Beyond



Working towards Net Zero by targeting carbon emissions. We aim to reduce our absolute carbon year on year with a 50% reduction in KGs CO₂ per tonne.



Create an Online carbon calculator accessible to all, proving transparent data to our customers, allowing them to make well informed decisions.



The vision is to have renewable energy supporting our manufacturing efforts at all Brett Landscaping sites by 2050.



Continue to work towards our ethos of 'Remove or Reduce' the use of plastic within our product and samples packaging.



Through product innovation commit to increasing the amount of lower carbon materials in our products, making them more environmentally friendly.



Our vision is to continue increasing the use of natural resources within our products, specifically the use of rain water harvesting across all of our manufacturing sites.



Begin to transition to an EV fleet and further improve the infrastructure to support these vehicles.



We will continue to be dedicated to our people's health and wellbeing. Offering an inclusive, diverse and supportive workplace for all of our people.

Supporting Resources

Brett Website



The Brett website is the best place to find all up to date information on our sustainability credentials. In one central hub, you can access our accreditations, certifications and policies along with a detailed view of our sustainability initiatives and vision.

PermCalc



PermCalc is the only design software of its kind. As a leading innovator of permeable paving solutions, Brett designs cost-effective permeable pavement solutions for SuDS applications.

More information about PermCalc can be found on our website.

Environmental Product Declaration



An Environmental Product Declaration is a document which transparently communicates the environmental performance and impact of a product or material over its lifetime.

Brett's EPDs can be accessed on our website.

Accreditations and Collaborations

Brett has a long and proud history of environmental and social responsibility initiatives in the UK and our global supply chains, this is reflected in our "Built On Relationships" strapline.

Key examples of this commitment were being one of the first in the landscaping industry to obtain independent certification for ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001.

Brett Landscaping also holds BES 6001 Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products certification to "Excellent" which can further assist when designing under BREEAM.



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