



A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

It's in our hands




We're passionate about making a real difference.

Good environmental practice is at the core of our business.

Be normal...

Research* shows that being 'green' is now seen as the norm, rather than an alternative lifestyle choice. Banner is at the forefront of sustainable trading in our industry. As a national office services company we recognise that what we do has a real impact on the environment. **We are committed to making our business activities as sustainable as possible... and helping our customers to do the same.**

The Globe & Tick™ range

Our award winning **Globe & Tick™**  range of over 1,000 products is a convenient way for customers to make the environmentally preferred choice. Every product is assessed according to strict environmental criteria devised by an independent environmental scientist. The entire range is showcased in our **Green Guide catalogue**, available online or on CD.

www.banner-online.biz/greenguide

Green Optimisa™

Our **Green OPTIMISA™** system was developed specifically to measure the environmental impacts throughout the supply process and identifies key areas for improvement. Clear environmental targets are identified and we work closely with our customers to ensure these targets are achieved.

Achievements

We operate a considerable number of in-house initiatives to continuously improve our environmental performance and were awarded certification to ISO 14001:2004 in 2005. We are a corporate sponsor of Waste Watch.

In recognition of our environmental achievements we have been awarded the BOSS (British Office Supplies and Services) Federation's Environment Certificate annually since 1996.

We are a member of the May Day Network, the UK's largest group of companies committed to collaboratively tackling climate change. We have pledged to reduce carbon emissions and report annually on the progress that has been made.

Download our environmental policy statement from www.banner-online.biz



THE PRINCE'S
MAY DAY
NETWORK



*Defra 2007 study of public attitudes and behaviour.



Driving ahead

We routinely make over 7,500 deliveries every day to customers across the UK and Ireland. Our advanced fleet management system ensures we use the most cost-effective routes, saving fuel and minimising vehicle emissions. We use double-decker trailers, enabling us to carry twice the load of a standard trailer, and operate a "back-loading" policy whereby our drivers pick up goods from our suppliers on the return journey, which means fewer empty vehicles on the roads. Our company car policy prohibits cars with high CO₂ emissions.

The 'Low Carbon Contract'

A genuine low carbon contract requires sound environmental practice and careful management. Working collaboratively with our customers we have both the experience and commitment to make it happen.

Typically office supplies contracts have focused on low cost products and fast, frequent next day deliveries. While this may seem appealing, the promotion of low cost "throwaway" products and numerous vehicle journeys is at odds with the principles of sustainable practice. The result is high carbon emissions, a large volume of packaging, long supply chains, increased waste and a high demand for landfill.

To achieve a low carbon contract we work together with our customers to construct an environmentally sound solution. The first step is an independent environmental audit by Waste Watch, a process that, in

our experience, also results in increased staff awareness and participation in the 3 Rs of waste hierarchy; Reducing, Recycling and Re-using.

Each contract is specifically tailored to the customer's individual requirements delivering high quality service and products, whilst adhering to the fundamentals of sustainable trading.

Key initiatives include regular, consolidated deliveries, re-useable packaging, the reduction in frequency of low value orders and an increase in the proportion of environmentally preferred products used throughout an organisation. We can also offer access to carbon offsetting schemes should a customer wish for their deliveries to be carbon neutral.

“We fully support Banner's objective to work with customers to lower carbon emissions”

Maria Andrews

Waste Watch 
Change the world around you

“We choose Banner as they have a real commitment to offering quality environmentally preferred products with the Globe & Tick™ range”

*Procurement Officer
Volkswagen Group*



Waste management

Every person in every organisation generates waste, and all businesses are legally obligated to dispose of it safely and appropriately. We offer a range of recycling services to ensure that as much waste as possible is diverted from landfill. For more details on our printer cartridge, secure waste paper, electrical equipment and furniture recycling services please visit our website where our Waste Management brochure is available to download.

For information on ways that you can minimise waste in the workplace take a look at our online Green Guide. It contains practical advice for reducing waste and minimising energy consumption, and detailed information on our environmental services.

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