



## Sustainability Report

**Big Enough To Cope – Small Enough To Care** 



















## Ensuring Your Clean Is Green



With over 125 years' experience and three generations of family expertise, we are a friendly and professional business with an unmatched reputation for cleaning excellence and reliability.

At Blossom & Browne's Sycamore Laundry, we understand the importance of sustainability to our clients. That's why we are committed to minimising our environmental impact and continuously improving our practices.

Since 2015, we have operated an **Environmental Management System (EMS)** and actively participate in the **UK Government's Climate Change Agreement** scheme to enhance our environmental performance.





















# Meeting the Royal Household's Sustainability Commitments

Our laundry has continued to meet the stringent needs of the Royal Household for many years.

As <u>Royal Warrant Holders to HM The King</u>, we are required to have in place company sustainability policies which set out our business' approach to address <u>Animal Rights</u>, Anti-slavery, <u>Corporate Responsibility</u>, <u>Environment</u>, Equal Opportunities and Procurement.

We review our policies and approach annually.



# Climate Change Agreement



As members of the Textiles Services Association (TSA), we benefit from the UK Government's Climate Change Agreement (CCA).

This is a voluntary agreement made between the UK's energy intensive industries and the Environment Agency to reduce energy use and carbon emissions.

In return, Blossom & Browne Sycamore benefits from a discount on the environmental tax (Climate Change Levy) charged on the energy we use.

Since joining the CCA scheme back in 2014, we have successfully reduced our energy use (kWh) per tonne of linen by 42%, resulting in a reduction in carbon per tonne by 45%!





## Environmental Management System



We implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS) back in July 2015. This is reviewed annually and informs our Environmental Policy (see next slide).

An EMS provides our business with a framework to help monitor, improve, and control our environmental impact

We gather data and report annually on our **energy**, **water and waste** consumption and resulting Greenhouse Gas emissions.









## Our Environmental Policy



### Protection of the environment

Including prevention of pollution implied through efficient working practices, good plant maintenance and correct process design and execution.

#### **Greener Transport**

Adopting a company transport strategy which minimises environmental with efficient logistics, good vehicle maintenance, ecodriving policy and monitoring and replacement schedules with focus on Ultra Low Emission Vehicles.

#### **Sustainable Procurement**

Adhering to our procurement procedures which specifically include assessing the environmental implications and potential of products purchased as well as efficiency and technological advances.

#### 'Cradle-to-Grave'

Remaining informed and aware of the life cycle or "cradle to the grave" attributes and implications of business commodities, products, packaging and equipment.

#### Regulation & Compliance

Annual review of Environmental Management System certified to ISO 14001. Adherence to UK Government's Climate Change Agreement and Royal Warrant Holder requirements.

#### **Impacts & Opportunities**

Considering environmental impacts and opportunities in all our operations, including; energy use, transport, waste disposal, water and chemicals.



## Partnered With Experts

Passed UK Climate Change Agreement

YEARLY

Since 2015, we've proudly partnered with <u>Green Element Group</u>, recognised as one of the Top 50 UK Sustainability Consultancies in 2024.

Their expertise in environmental management has helped us drive significant **Greenhouse Gas Emissions reductions** since 2018.

Together, we are committed to delivering a **sustainable cleaning service** that helps us, and in turn our clients, to meet environmental goals and legislation.

Reduction in energy use (kWh) per tonne of product

42%





Reduction in carbon per tonne of product





## Part of the TSA's Sustainability Drive

The TSA is the trade association for our industry and have implemented the following environment goals for its members. As long-term members of the TSA, we are aligned to these goals and committed to helping our business, industry, and customers to achieve meaningful carbon reduction results.



#### **TSA's Mission**

To protect, nurture and develop the textile services industry and the supply chains in which it participates, creating an environment in which our members can thrive, and the services provided are seen as great value by customers and end-users, making a positive contribution to a sustainable future.

Adoption of GLARE carbon emissions calculator platform and a detailed gap analysis

20% carbon reduction target measured against 2022 baseline measurements

60% carbon reduction target measured against 2022 baseline measurements

A net zero\*, wellinformed industry that nurtures diverse and inclusive culture



2025

2030

2035

2040



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