



GREEN ACHIEVER NEWSLETTER
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Dear Deb,

Welcome to the November 2012 issue of the Green Achiever Newsletter. Many companies are becoming more aware of their own carbon footprint and are taking measures to increase sustainability and reduce environmental impact within their own organisations. In many cases it has become apparent that an area that contributes unfavourably to carbon calculations is that of their supply chain. Increasingly, more and more companies are insisting on sound environmental credentials from their suppliers, which in turn cascades down through the supply chain encouraging companies to work to strict environmental criteria.

Further to our article in this month's Technical Newsletter about the Mandatory Carbon reporting for companies listed on the Main Market of the Stock Exchange, did you know that carbon footprint calculation support is provided as part of the Green Achiever Silver and Gold review? If your company already has Green Achiever Silver or Gold status and you would like information about carbon footprinting, please do contact us. Alternatively, if you would like to know more about upgrading to Silver or Gold status or would just like some help with carbon footprint calculating, please call Deb on 01743 343403.



Organisations across the UK are already signing up to take part in next year's Climate Week, which takes place 4 - 10 March 2013. Climate Week is Britain's biggest climate campaign and last year saw half a million people attend 3,000 events focusing on how we can live and work more sustainably.

Here are some of the ways your organisation could get involved in Climate Week 2013 -

1. **Run an event that suits your organisation** - this could be anything from a film screening to a bike-to-work scheme.
2. **Enter the Climate Week Challenge** - a competition for teams of 4-6 in schools and workplaces. Register here!
3. **Run a Climate Week Swap** - swap clothes, books, toys and DVDs, saving money and reducing waste. Register your event for a chance to swap with a celebrity - you could win

an item from celebrities such as Andy Murray, Zoe Wanamaker and Hugh Laurie.
For more information about Climate Week and how to register your organisation please see - www.climateweek.com

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Abel & Cole, which delivers organic and fair trade food to customers throughout the UK, has attained Green Achiever award silver status. The company registered with the scheme in 2009, upgrading from four to five-star status in 2010, and its recent achievements cover all aspects of the business from food waste and recycling to low mileage delivery routes.

Stefanie Sahmel is the head of business innovation at Abel & Cole. She said: "Abel & Cole's core ethical principles are at the heart of all business decisions. To be recognised with Green Achiever silver status is great. Much of our food comes from the UK and we never airfreight anything. We're committed to reducing food miles as much as possible, so we seek and employ innovative and practical ways to minimise the impact our deliveries have environmentally. We clean our vans with recycled rainwater, we install systems to enable our drivers to drive safely, sustainably and sensitively - so the vans last longer and use less fuel. We donate unused food to charities, and what they don't need we give to local farms for the animals. Anything they don't need goes on the compost. We choose the most sustainably sourced packaging we can, and we reuse a lot of it too. All our suppliers, from stationery to energy sourcing, are audited to clarify their green credentials. We also use eBay or charity shops to source some of our office furniture. Having customers and staff who share our values and support us in sticking to our principles makes this all possible. We know there's room for improvement and we relish the challenge to continuously reduce our impact on the environment."

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