Sustainability.

At Barleywood Kitchens, we are dedicated to doing our part for the environment. We believe in contributing positively to the planet and work closely with a range of suppliers who share our commitment to driving meaningful environmental change.

With our furniture being timber based we ensure that the wood we use is sourced from responsibly managed forests and other controlled sources and is FSC® certified.

We also strive to include recycled content where we can. Our cabinet chipboard is manufactured from 66% recycled content. Our door and drawer fronts include ranges with various levels of recycled content, with a selection of finishes offering 100% recycled board and foils made from 70% recycled PET (used plastic bottles).

Our manufacturers have been awarded the ISO14001: 2015 standard for our Environmental Management System for which is audited twice a year. This is an international standard that specifies a process for controlling and improving a company's environmental performance. They were the first company in the industry to attain the ISO14001 standard for recognising and controlling the effects of manufacturing on the environment

Following the inclusion of a biomass boiler in their new factory, the Barnsley head office and manufacturing site is now fuelled by two of the largest biomass fired boilers in the UK.

Waste

Segregated waste bins throughout our manufacturer's facilities ensure all waste is effectively and efficiently recycled. Their manufacturing process generates 0% waste to landfill.

Excess chipboard shavings from their biomass boiler are taken away for use in the agricultural industry. A handful of this a day is used as cow bedding to help them stay dry, keep healthy and decrease the somatic cell count of their milk. A high somatic cell count is a lower value milk, so this directly affects the farmers income as well as the animal's health. When the cubicle is cleaned out each day, the dirty bedding is removed and ends up back on the land as a fertiliser. No product is wasted as any spillages are sent back round the system.

Their recycling in 2023 saved: • Enough plastic to produce 1,669,047 2 litre drinks bottles. • Enough glass to make 10,000 330ml glass bottles. • 6,995 cubic metres of land from being used by diverting waste from landfill. • 4,362,989 KWH through recycling and energy recovery – enough to power 932 homes for an entire year. • The cardboard equivalent of 6,680 trees.

Travel

The introduction of a new Hybrid Car Fleet April 2021 saw the introduction of electric cars in their company car fleet. In March 2024, they hit Their target of 75% of the car fleet being hybrid/electric. Since our manufacturers converted their car fleet to hybrid/electric, they are getting just over 170 extra miles driven per carbon tonne emitted.

Cabinet Construction

The ‘cam and dowel’ construction method used in our cabinetry provides the significant environmental benefit of enabling any component on one of our cabinets to be replaced if any damage occurs in the products lifetime. This means less material is used for replacements and less waste finds its way to landfill.

Glue free cabinet assembly.

As we avoid using glue to secure our cabinets, it provides a cleaner healthier working environment, plus our ‘cam and dowel’ construction method gives an equivalent finished cabinet strength.

All cabinets are FIRA Gold Certified

All our cabinets are independently verified by FIRA International and have the FIRA Gold Product Certification. This indicates that our high-quality products provide a consistent level of performance and are tested against all relevant British and European Standards, including structural performance, safety, stability, ergonomics, finish performance, effects of atmosphere (moisture, humidity and temperature), flammability and workmanship.

Packaging

Cardboard boxes are sourced that are made from 100% recycled materials, whilst the corner protectors that we use on individual doors and panels are now protected with recycled pulp corners. When plastic corner protectors that are still used, they are made from 100% recycled plastic.

Quick Facts!

1. 100% of our plastic cabinet legs are made from 100% recycled plastic!
2. 100% of our timber-based materials are FSC® certified.
   This ensures that the wood comes from a well-managed forest that is run in accordance with strict environmental, social, and economic standards.
3. Water Based Paints. Our manufacturers have successfully converted all their paint finishes from solvent to an environmentally friendlier water-based option, for all our in-house paint to order ranges
4. Our manufacturers became Gold Members of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in 2022, a local charity that conserves wild places in our community.

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