

# Feb 2024

The latest updates from one of the UK's leading independent, family-run suppliers

#### Clark Howe (MD)

As you will see from our centre spread within this months newsletter we have started the process of environmental accreditation- this takes us way beyond the practical and sensible approach we have adopted for many years. Rosie Stafford has assumed the role of our Green Champion, steering us towards achieving carbon net zero.

The recent redirection of container ships from the Red Sea, key to UK maritime trade, is due to rising regional conflicts and piracy threats. Opting for the longer Cape of Good Hope route is causing delays in UK-bound goods, upsetting supply chains. This change adds to global shipping woes, prolonging transit times and escalates fuel costs. I have already noticed a growing back orders file! Steps are being taken to bolster stocks and mitigate issues. We request your flexibility regarding alternative products where offered.

### **Colour Change**



Our ever popular Himalayan 5207 brown safety boot has been discontinued by the manufacturer.

Fear not as a black option remains available and we have already started to shift supply over to this colour. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Other than that it is business as usual-I do have some news on the supply of SC Johnson (Deb Soap) product supply which is causing me grief at the moment but I am busy hatching a plan to minimise the impact to our customer base. More news on that next month.

Thank you for being part of our expanding & loyal customer base.



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# **Investors in the Environment**



At Howsafe Ltd, we have always been committed to providing the best in personal protective equipment and workwear. Today, we are proud to share our latest endeavour – working towards achieving the Investors in the Environment (iiE) accreditation. This step marks a significant milestone in our journey towards sustainability and environmental stewardship.

#### **Our Commitment to the Environment**

Understanding the impact of our operations on the environment, we are embracing the challenge to reduce our establication. The iiE accreditation offers a structured and measurable way to enhance our environmental performance, and we are wholeheartedly committed to this path.

The iiE Accreditation Framework Investors in the Environment provides a robust framework to help organisations like ours to manage, monitor, and improve our environmental impact. The accreditation process is divided into three progressive levels:

**Bronze Level:** This foundational level involves setting up an environmental policy and action plan, and beginning the crucial work of monitoring resource usage.

**Silver Level:** Building upon the Bronze level, this stage focuses on developing organisational change, further analyzing data, and making targeted improvements for sustainable development.

**Green Level:** The pinnacle of the iiE accreditation, where organisations demonstrate significant sustainable development and prepare for net zero carbon targets.

#### Why iiE?

The iiE accreditation is more than a badge for us; it is a commitment to our planet. It aligns perfectly with our ethos of responsibility and quality. By embarking on this accreditation journey, we aim to:

Reduce our waste and resource consumption, leading to cost savings.

Enhance our reputation by demonstrating our dedication to environmental sustainability.

Provide a structured approach to sustainable business practices.

#### **Our Actions and Goals**

As we progress towards the Bronze level, our immediate actions include implementing effective environmental policies and starting to monitor our resource usage more meticulously. Our goal is not just to achieve the iiE accreditation but to embed sustainability into the core of our business operations.

#### Join Us on Our Sustainability Journey

We invite our customers, partners, and community to join us in this journey. We believe that together, we can make a significant impact. Through regular updates, we will share our progress, learnings, and the steps we are taking to become a more sustainable business.

Stay tuned for more updates on our sustainability journey.

#### Our drive towards a greener future...

"Embarking on our eco journey as a small business, we are guided by baseline measurements that underpin our strategic aims and targets. These benchmarks serve as our compass, directing our efforts towards a sustainable future.

Over the past few years, we have been proactively incorporating eco-friendly aspects into our operations, introducing many environmentally conscious product ranges and actively sourcing items that align with our commitment to environmental responsibility.

One initiative we have already implemented illustrates our commitment to energy efficiency. We replaced sodiumbased lighting at our Peterborough warehouses with state of the art, high bay LED lighting in 2022. This not only enhanced the working environment but also showcased our dedication to responsible energy consumption. The motion and daylight sensitive system continues to save energy when not needed.

Our commitment extends beyond the confines of the warehouse, as we also upgraded offices areas, production zones, and external signage with energy-efficient LED lighting. Additionally, our commitment to greener transportation is evident as we replaced our company cars with EV/hybrid models in 2022 along with the installation of an on-site charger.

Now, we are poised to elevate our commitment further by embarking on the journey towards environmental accreditation. It's not merely a business venture; it's a conscious choice to empower our customers in meeting their environmental requirements and to uphold the highest standards of sustainability in our Industry".

**Rosie Stafford** 







#### A Message from the Peterborough Litter Wombles...

"PLW was founded in 2021 by a group of Keep Britain Tidy's Litter Hero Ambassadors with the aim of Cleaning Up Peterborough. In each of the past two years we have collected more than 2,000 bags of litter from Peterborough's environment, not counting all the litter cleared by local groups that we help to support and publicise. We run weekly litter picks every Sunday morning from 10 to 12. The locations are shown on our website and on our Facebook group. We also hold weekday and Saturday litter picks across the city and support Peterborough's Pride in our Community volunteers with their programme of cleaning up the litter on and around our road network. We work closely with Peterborough City Council in helping to put bins and CCTV cameras in the right locations and reporting fly tipping and finds of weapons, needles and other evidence of drug use. Bags of litter are, in a sense, the tip of the iceberg and we collect a greater volume of bulky, non-baggable items from locations that have been

neglected for many years, partly due to continuing cutbacks in council funding. We run Corporate Social Responsibility litter picks for local businesses, where we provide equipment, find suitable

locations, lead the litter picks and arrange for bags and any larger items to be collected by the Council. Last year we received

especially good support from RSA, a local insurance company, who provided more than 100 volunteers and collected more than 550 bags of litter during 13 litter picks.

We are especially grateful for the support received from Howsafe, who are enabling us to use high visibility clothing that both

helps to keep us safe and advertises who we are. Please join us! There is plenty of room for both regular and occasional volunteers and every contribution helps! Joining involves one click on Facebook or contacting us via the website".



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