

Environmental & ethical policies

Our products

Where possible, we source quality products locally to ensure that we keep food miles to a minimum. Our eggs come from Wallingford (part of the Laid in Britain scheme) as does our honey, our waters from Blenheim and our mayonnaise from Wycombe.

We supply a wide range of Fairtrade and Organic products including: coffee, tea, sugar, biscuits, snacks, chocolate, soft drinks and juices.

We promote a range of PLA glasses and Biodegradable containers which look and feel like plastic, but which are made from a renewable plant extract. We also supply wooden disposable cutlery, again from a renewable source.

We are always looking to increase these ranges and promote awareness of products which offer ethically sound solutions to the complex issues facing the planet.

Our approach to protecting the environment

We employ a third party to calculate our packaging waste liability on products which are used by our customers (eg the tub that contains our bouillon). The liability for these products stands with us and we purchase 'PRN' units to cover this liability

Products which are generally sold on (eg a can of Coke) carry the liability with them. And we encourage our customers to be aware of their packaging waste liability

We operate a paperless policy wherever possible, offering invoices etc. to our suppliers and customers in 'pdf' format.

We sort the paper, card, glass and plastics that we use internally at Savona and employ a commercial waste collector to ensure that they are recycled.

We also collect clean undamaged cardboard boxes from our customers and then reuse these for packing goods in our warehouse.

We operate a free waste oil collection scheme for our customers. This oil is then recycled into biodiesel and we supply our customers with a certificate of collection to show their commitment to this environmentally friendly scheme.

We only use low emission diesel in our vehicles and over 70% of those vehicles are already Euro 3 or Euro 4 standard (which means lower emissions). We are keeping abreast of the development of electric vehicles and, when they become operational for the larger loads that we require, we will introduce them.

We only use the most environmentally friendly Euro rated refrigeration equipment.