

Our environmental and corporate social responsibility



Please be aware that Polyflor Ltd has sustainability objectives, which cover both the environment and corporate social responsibility. The objectives set by Polyflor are monitored at regular steering meetings and should be achieved or improved in order to comply with and satisfy external audits.

Please find a summary of Polyflor's key achievements. Further information is available in the [Polyflor Sustainability Report 2014](#), which is circulated on notice boards, available to request via samples and to view or download online at www.polyflor.com.

Environmental

- Polyflor's recycling scheme 'Recofloor' continued to grow and collected **410 tonnes of waste vinyl flooring** which was recycled back into new product - this waste represents **136,666m²**, enough to cover 19 football pitches.
- Recofloor's continued success was recognised in the most prestigious environmental awards - **The International Green Apple Environment Awards 2013**, winning a gold award for Environmental Best Practice.
- Carbon emissions were reduced by **814 tonnes** - total carbon emissions reduced by **18,426 tonnes since 2000**.
- The Polyflor fleet received four new fuel efficient trailer boxes, in addition to training and development to maximise 'best practice' and driver efficiency. These initiatives along with increased bulk load and backhaul procedures have contributed significantly to reducing our carbon emissions.

Corporate Social Responsibility

- Polyflor achieved responsible sourcing certification, **BES 6001** and social responsibility certification, **SA 8000**. A significant achievement and one that our customers will greatly value.
- We continued our support of organisations and events, relevant to the local communities in which we operate, including, for example:
 - In Bury, we were involved with BBC's DIY SOS and supplied free flooring to a deserving family who needed to improve their existing home.
 - We maintained our relationship with Oldham Athletic, in particular assisting its Junior Supporters' Club, Boundary Blues, which engages with youngsters through sport. We sponsor seasonal parties, an end of season event and a designated area for children on match days, including the Polyflor Tuck Shop.
 - In the North East, Polyflor donated flooring to Hartlepool Access Group, a charity providing shopmobility access direct to a train station platform, thus widening travel opportunities to those with mobility problems.

Our objectives are company-wide and can be improved with the cooperation of all departments and individuals. We all have a role to play in our ongoing progress, so please be mindful of switching off lights and electronic equipment when not in use; ensuring all paper waste goes into the green paper waste bins for recycling and not excessively using or wasting water. If you have comments or suggestions for improvement, please speak to your departmental manager.