

The New Forest NPA Green Leaf Sustainable Business Award

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Herb UK Ltd. are a small cosmetic manufacturing company based on Ampress Park, Lymington. The business relies principally on the supply of electricity and water to produce its organic hair products. Nevertheless a variety of savings have been introduced.

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Amongst these are the installation of glazing in the frontage to cool the interior during the summer and maintain heat during the winter, installation of Efergy electrical meters and light motion sensors throughout the office block.

Cardboard coming into the business is shredded and then used to package outgoing products. This has two benefits in that it reduces outgoing cardboard waste but also the cost and environmental impact of plastic packaging. As a result of this initiative, waste skips are now collected half as frequently as previously.



An incentivised travel-to-work scheme has been introduced in the plant. A large proportion of staff now travel to work using alternative modes of transport reducing the company's carbon footprint. The UK Sales Manager has assisted with travel planning to incorporate a more efficient approach to reaching UK Customers.

Despite the wide range of initiatives outlined above, none have been carried out without consideration for the cost-benefit. All initiatives have a payback calculated for example, the installation of the new shedder has a 16 month payback.

Looking forward Herb UK are now investigating the feasibility of rain-water harvesting and replacement of T12 lighting tubes with adapted T5s.

