

environmental & sustainability initiative



environmental initiatives

At The Bentall Centre we take sustainability very seriously, in particular the impact that our decision making process has on the environment. We make every effort to minimise the physical effects we may have on our surroundings and local community. We are sharing these views with our customers, stake holders and local community, so that we may all understand the importance of sustainability issues.



Do we recycle?

The answer: Yes we do

- We recycle approximately 30 tonnes of cardboard a month. This includes working in partnership with other local businesses in the Town Centre.
- None of our waste is sent to land fill but, instead is incinerated for energy, helping to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels.
- All of our Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and hazardous waste are disposed of responsibly within government guidelines.

How do we manage Water, Gas and Electricity?

- All of our incoming utility supplies are metered. All meters are physically read each week in order to spot and rectify any anomalies in consumption.
- We have an energy management strategy, in which we are constantly looking at new ways to conserve energy, keeping a close eye on advances in technology.
- Lighting and heating are constantly monitored and maintained at their optimum requirement, therefore, if it's not needed, it's not on.

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Do we care about our local community?

YES
we most certainly do!

- We provide free entertainment for children throughout each of the school holidays with opportunities for them to take part in craft workshops, learning about science subjects and practising circus skills, to name but a few.
- We provide additional entertainment opportunities for adults and children alike, such as Darth Vader and his Storm Trooper Garrison from Star Wars.
- We work closely with local charities, providing promotional and collection opportunities for their organisations. Since the Centre opened in 1992 we have worked with Milly's Fund, Momentum, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and the RNLI, among many others, helping them to launch new funds and initiatives and improve their collections.
- In 2010 we funded a range of celebrity designed umbrellas, the proceeds of which went to Princess Alice Hospice. Prior to this we also worked with Princess Alice Hospice in 2009, when we held an exhibition of celebrity dresses, entitled Fit for a Princess, these dresses were later auctioned and raised £16,000 for the charity.
- We actively participate in and support many of the Town Centre events and initiatives, contributing funding for events such as May Merrie, Christmas Light Switch on and Park and Ride at Christmas.
- The Centre Director, Operations Manager and Marketing Manager regularly attend and play a leading roles in various Town Centre committees.
- We provide support to local projects, giving time to assist smaller community charities and groups with promotion and marketing help.
- The Centre has provided assistance to the wider Kingston community to the value of more than £100,000.

What are our future plans?

- Further work on the selection of low energy lighting.
- Recycling of all plastics.
- Further develop our green travel plan.
- Researching the logistics of rain water harvesting.

