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The articles in this edition have been collated to showcase the wide range of initiatives being undertaken by our suppliers. Demonstrating their commitment to responsible procurement.

The articles show that responsible procurement is a genuine and ongoing priority to NWUPC and our suppliers and they are continually working on ways to improve. We are on the journey together.

If you would like to feature in our next edition, please contact [David McIntyre](#).

Sustainable Sanitising - BCHS introduces leading eco-friendly brand BioHygiene



In recent years, sustainability and the environment have firmly arrived at the forefront of conversation for buyers, suppliers and end-users of cleaning products. During this time, Bunzl Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies (BCHS) have vastly increased their portfolio and placed greater importance on products that are kinder to both the environment and the user – leading them to become gold members of the Supply Chain Sustainability School.

As part of this ongoing commitment to a greener cleaning industry, BCHS began working with BioHygiene – a Cardiff-based biotechnology company and UK leader in eco-friendly cleaning products.



BioHygiene's range of alternative sanitising products tick all of the boxes concerning raw materials, CO2 emissions, packaging and aquatic toxicity. Its range of All-Purpose Sanitisers are 100% biodegradable, alcohol & quat free, made with natural and sustainable technology, and safer to use than traditional sanitising products.

University Students and Climate Change

A 2020 survey taken by the National Union of Students (NUS) found that a massive 91% of students are fairly or very concerned about the environment, with 80% of the opinion that their institution should be doing more on sustainable development. Surveys like this demonstrate how essential it is that universities use environmentally responsible products to reflect the passion of their students.

According to tests carried out over the past years, the BioHygiene range can reduce carbon emissions by as much as 85% when compared to some traditional market leading products.

Its super concentration means less product is used – resulting in less transport. All product bottles are made using Post-Consumer Recycled Plastic (PCR) meaning there is zero single use plastic. And, local manufacturing and raw material supply chains further cuts emissions and transport.

In fact, when manufacturing the All-Purpose Sanitiser, 42Kg of carbon is actually taken from the atmosphere.

BioHygiene recently gained carbon neutral status from The Carbon Footprint Ltd, as well as being Halal approved by The Halal Monitoring Committee.

Efficacy and Time

Whilst in years gone by green cleaning products were considered less effective, that is no longer the case. BioHygiene's All-Purpose Sanitiser is highly effective, most recently passing industry tests to demonstrate a 15 seconds contact time.

A further benefit of the sanitising range is that it possesses one stage, and not two stage cleaning. By this, we mean that the product both cleans and sanitises – resulting in less time spent and less product used!

Together, the 15 second contact time and the one stage cleaning aspect mean that cleaning time can be vastly improved – something of the upmost importance once university students fully return.

The BioHygiene Sanitising Range

BioHygiene is advising the facilities management and cleaning sectors to remain environmentally conscious at a time when -due to the ongoing pandemic - the use of disinfectants and sanitisers are likely to be at an all-time high across the country.

The BioHygiene sanitising range has been adopted by healthcare, hospitality, facilities management and the education sector. The full range is available from Bunzl Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies.



All Purpose Sanitiser

- Virucidal (EN14476) & Bactericidal (EN1276)
- Log 5 Virus Kill Rate (1,000,000 to 10)
- 15 sec contact time
- Great dilution rates (100:1)
- Great cost in use: 2.9p per trigger spray
- Quat-free, plant-based technology
- Non-hazardous
- Halal certificate
- Food-safe
- Strong supply chain

Foam Hand Sanitiser

- Alcohol-free, environmentally friendly
- Quat-free technology
- Virucidal (EN14476) & Bactericidal (EN1276)
- Moisturises the skin
- Great pump rate: 625 pumps from 500ml
- Great cost in use: 5p per pump V 8p per pump for liquid and gel sanitisers
- Halal certificate
- Food-safe
- Strong supply chain

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Bunzl Cleaning & Hygiene Supplies are available through [Cleaning Equipment - Supply and Maintenance](#) and the [Cleaning and Janitorial Supplies - NWUPC](#), Framework Agreements, for more information on these Frameworks please visit our website for Domestic Supplies and Services. Or for any questions of queries please contact **Sarah Dye**, NWUPC's Domestic Category Manager at sarah.dye@nwupc.ac.uk.

ShawContract®

and sustainable flooring solutions

Shaw Contract designs and manufactures carpet and resilient products that give foundation to spaces and support the people within them.

The needs both for refurbishment of existing premises and installations for new educational buildings continues to evolve in the current climate. Shaw Contract can support fast-turnaround projects to help estates adapt to changing circumstances, through its UK stocked and manufactured modular flooring ranges.

As a supplier for the **NWUPC Floor Coverings Framework Agreement** Shaw Contract is also mindful that today's designers and specifiers are looking for solutions that deliver on material health, disassembly, circularity and value to help create interior spaces that both inspire and embrace sustainability and wellbeing.



Our latest collection of carpet tiles is called Living Systems. The collection was designed from the outset to provide a warm and holistic experience for the places where we collaborate, learn and work. Focused on the principles of the circular economy, **Living Systems is Cradle to Cradle Certified Bronze.**

Shaw Contract has been actively engaged in **Cradle to Cradle design** and product certification for more than 20 years, and has been acknowledged as a pioneer in the flooring industry by Cradle to Cradle co-founder William McDonough. Almost 90% of the products Shaw manufacturers are Cradle to Cradle Certified™.

With its Taskworx backing, we can reclaim and re-use the product at the end of its useful life. Our adherence to the Cradle to Cradle philosophy means maximising recycled content and recyclability across our products.

Cradle to Cradle™ Certified Version 4.0 features new and enhanced requirements in all product performance categories, including:

- **New frameworks for Product Circularity and Social Fairness that define global best practices.**
- **More rigorous requirements in Clean Air & Climate Protection that promote urgent action to address climate change.**
- **Expanded requirements in Water & Soil Stewardship to ensure clean water and healthy soils are available to people and all other organisms.**
- **Improved alignment of Material Health requirements with leading chemical regulations and other standards, including a new Restricted Substances List.**

We work in accordance with regional certifications to meet environmental standards. **EPDs** (Environmental Product Declarations) which are based on Life-Cycle Assessment data and published by a Third Party are available across our product platforms.

In addition to this, all our commercial carpet manufacturing facilities worldwide are now **carbon neutral**. It is a giant step toward creating a better future with products and business practices that are healthy and environmentally conscious.

We achieved carbon neutrality through four key steps:

- Improving the efficiency of our manufacturing (using less energy);
- Switching to cleaner fuels (primarily natural gas);
- Creating clean energy through production of on-site renewable energy; and
- Investing in renewable energy and carbon offset credits to offset the balance of our emissions.

Health and wellbeing are of course key drivers for 2021. Shaw Contract's view of sustainability encompasses not only the environmental health of its products and operations, but also how products impact human experience.

This means that the selection of **material ingredients** for our products is given careful consideration from the outset. By being mindful and conscientious stewards of our product ingredients. Shaw Industries, Inc. was asked to join the inaugural Materials Concept Advisory, newly formed by The International WELL Building Institute (IWBI). We are also a business member of Chemsec, the international chemical secretariat, founded in Sweden.

Also important when considering occupant comfort is that flooring can provide a foundation around which an appropriate **acoustic environment** can be designed.

Although there are many different types of rooms in the education sector, all have at least two acoustic issues in common. In 'teaching mode', the students need to be able to clearly hear what is being spoken. For group work or during times of individual quiet study, it is important that the internal noise is suitably low. Our ability to learn effectively suffers when we struggle to understand what is being said, or there is excessive noise that breaks our concentration.



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Although flooring is not normally specified solely for acoustic properties, its influence on the room and those nearby can be profound. The two key attributes are sound absorption and impact sound insulation - soft floor finishes help with both, whilst hard flooring offers the latter.

We understand that the **Education Market** has specific requirements. Having supplied products for flooring schemes in educational establishments and their associated property, around the UK, we know that being fit for purpose is a core consideration. Choosing a floor covering solution need not be complicated.

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Shaw Contract Group are available through **[Lot 1 - Supply Only \(National\) of the Floor Coverings Framework Agreement](#)**, for more information on this Framework please visit our website for Furniture & Furnishing. Or for any questions or queries please contact **Sarah Dye**, NWUPC's Furniture Category Manager at sarah.dye@nwupc.ac.uk.



Sustainable purchasing for workplace supplies and services made easier with Banner's new 'Green Choice' symbol

In today's world, moving to more sustainable product choices is a key focus for many institutions. But actually identifying the best and most sustainable products can be tricky.

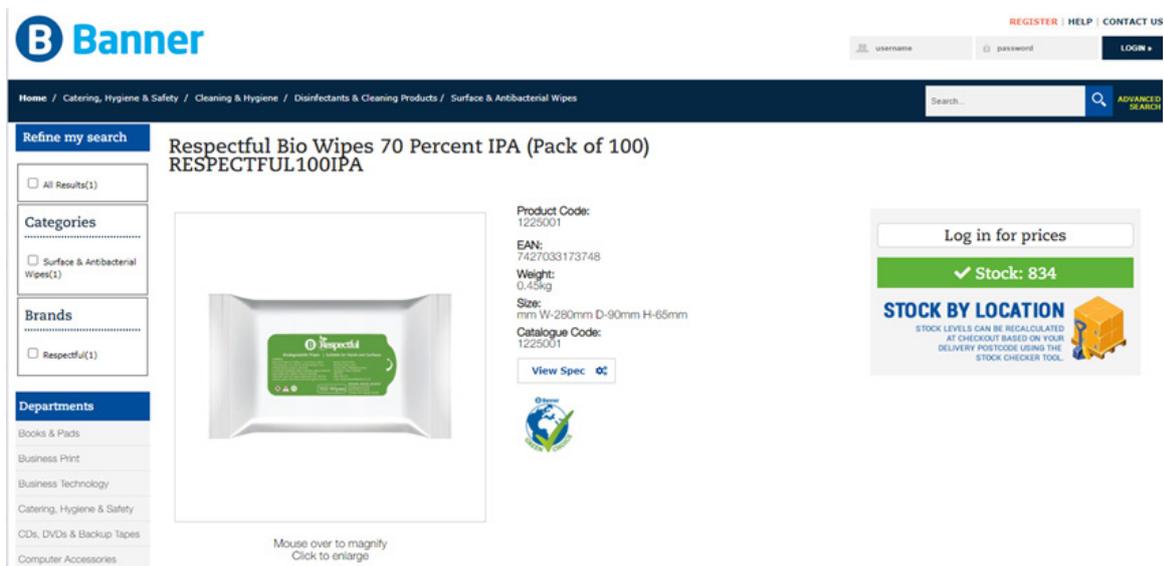


Banner, the UK's largest workplace supplies and services provider, has been offering a great selection of sustainable products for many years throughout its catalogues and online offering. But the 2021 launch of their 'Green Choice' symbol makes the selection of sustainable products much quicker and easier for you.

Banner's Green Choice symbol - what is it?

Designed to be instantly recognisable, Banner's 'Green Choice' symbol is the icon that they use to help you quickly identify and purchase products that are less harmful to the world's resources. You will see it has been added to the 2021 catalogue pages and it is also clearly displayed for you when you are viewing items in eSupply, their online ordering portal.

Your use of these products will contribute towards your institutions efforts to take the next step in social and environmental responsibility.



Making a strong sustainable choice

The Green Choice symbol is only applied to products that Banner has judged to meet or exceed a level of environmental excellence throughout their life-cycle, offering enhanced sustainable or ethical credentials. This covers the selection of raw materials, through production, distribution and final disposal.

You can rest assured that choosing a product that has been marked with this icon means that you are making an environmentally friendly product choice. You can also be 100% confident in Banner as a responsible supplier.

Green Choice Selection Criteria

There are so many differing accreditations and schemes that it can be confusing to decide what is the best product to choose. Therefore, they've taken the cream of the crop and have decided inclusion against certain standards.

To earn the right to and be rewarded with the Banner Green Choice icon, the products will have demonstrated a high commitment to sustainability, ethical trading or they will be certified to a certain standard or a member of a recognised organisation such as ECOLabel, Energy Star, Blue Angel, Nordic Swan, Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Certified Carbon Neutral.



The icon is shown throughout their [online shop](#) and in their [2021 catalogue](#).



For a physical copy of the catalogue (which itself has been produced as sustainably as possible), Banner customers can simply add BANCATU21 to your next order. To become a Banner customer visit www.banneruk.com/contact/.

With Banner, you can be certain that you are choosing the products that underline and support your commitment to sustainability.

Find out more

To find out more about how Banner is helping to minimise its environmental impact, [click here](#), or view our [2021 digital Banner Catalogue](#). To find out more about these Frameworks please contact Ian.Dixon@BannerUK.com.

Office Essentials Post-it® Recycled Notes and Dispensers

1. Recycled Notes Tower Packs
Functionality meets sustainability.
* Notes made from paper fibres that contain 100% of post-consumer waste.
* 100 sheets per pad.

2. Canary™ Yellow Recycled Notes
Post-it® Notes made from 100% recycled paper.
* Available in 3 different sizes.
* 100 sheets per pad.

3. Recycled Quick Notes
Notes made from 100% recycled material.
* 125 sheets per pad.
* Yellow.

4. Quick Notes
Responsibility notes ideal for messages and "quick" notes.

5. Recycled Sticky Notes
Recycled notes in plastic free packaging.
* 100 sheets per pad.
* Padded pads contain 3 pads of each colour: yellow, pink, blue and green.

6. Executive Fanfold Note Dispenser
One handed note dispenser.
* Uses certified notes.
* Non-slip anti-scratch feet.
* W102 x D27 x H100mm.

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EXTRAVAGANZA® PROMOTIONAL MERCHANDISE



There has been a growing demand for Eco and Sustainable products within Higher Education in the UK. Extravaganza has been supplying Higher Education Institutions with a range of clever environmentally friendly products, that not only look great but are good for our planet too.

University Marketing teams are adopting green practices and developing sustainable marketing strategies, they want information on resources, the environmental impact of manufacturing, packaging, and the consequences of consumption.

Sustainable marketing and promotional items also seek to tap into consumer attitudes and perceptions regarding the environment in order to better position brands to appeal to environmentally aware consumers.

Mindless consumption always turns into excessive consumption so the quality of products, usefulness and longevity are the key factors to consider when choosing promotional products. Bio based products are also making their way to the promotional products market including plant-based items such as jute bags, compostable paper cups made from plants and bamboo travel cups.

For most brands, the focus is connecting with consumers, suppliers, and experts to continue to develop our innovative ways to incorporate sustainability and social purpose into business strategies and products. We find that if you can't reuse a promotional item, then there is really no point in buying it. We try to promote the idea of re-using promotional items making them more sustainable to the environment.



Most marketing & events teams in the education sector have been adopting their green practices and developing sustainable strategies for their campaigns and events. Looking at key factors such as the environmental impact of manufacturing, packaging, and the consequences of consumption, Extravaganza take their commitment to earth positive promotions, very seriously.

As a supplier of promotional items we want to make sure customers are guided towards choosing the right promotional item which is earth and people positive.



Extravaganza Ltd are available through [Lot 1 of the Promotional Merchandise and Clothing Framework](#) for more information on this Framework please visit our website for Office Supplies and Equipment. If you have any questions or queries please contact **David Yates**, NWUPC's Office Supplies & Equipment Category Manager at david.yates@nwupc.ac.uk.