



Bransford Webbs achieves BS8555

The Bransford Webbs Plant Company is very proud to announce that we have achieved British Standard 8555 accreditation for the Environmental Management Systems. BS8555 is a British guidance standard that splits Environmental Management Systems into six clearly defined phases, each of which has detailed achievement criteria.

“We are unusual as an industry in that when the consumer has bought our product, it goes on to have a positive impact on the environment”, says Geoff Caesar, Managing Director. “As growers and retailers we have a duty to ensure the environmental impact of the production and sale of our plants is minimised where ever and when ever it can be”.

Bransford Webbs has been working towards accreditation since May 2007. Our environmental policy can be found at www.bransfordwebbs.co.uk. This outlines objectives and actions that must be carried out to comply with the environmental standards. Procedures have been implemented and data collected, targeting reduction of waste, water and non-renewable resources. Two mock audits and two external audits were carried out to achieve final accreditation, along with internal audits across all departments. Staff awareness and training is an important part of the accreditation, and all staff are involved in reducing our main waste streams in paper, cardboard, plastics and green waste.

So what happens now? “We will endeavour to keep working towards our objectives of recording and reducing waste. Staff training will continue and external audits will occur annually to ensure we retain the accreditation”, concluded Mark Jenkins, Environmental Manager.

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