

These bags are a beacon of hope in a country which already suffers badly from climate change. Greenhouse gases are kept to a minimum through energy saving machines, and millions of gallons of water are saved each year through the rainwater harvesting system. The importance of saving water is paramount in a hot country like India and less water-demanding plants and trees have also been planted to save this precious resource.



#### **Shared Earth's jute** bag supplier receives coveted "green award"!

Shared Earth's jute bag supplier in Kolkata has become the first factory in eastern India to receive the 'Gold Standard' from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), a significant step in its stride towards championing environmental sustainability.

The Gold Standard is described by the IGBC as representing 'National Excellence' in areas such as site selection and planning, water and energy conservation, use of raw materials, indoor environmental quality, occupational health of workers, and design processes. Salient features include:

- Solar power
- An effluent treatment plant
- Energy saving machines
- A rainwater harvesting system
- LED lights
- Less water consuming plants and trees

They're an 'eco hero'supplier, at a time when global warming has become the key issue for humankind. "Just producing environmentallyfriendly bags is not enough for us," they say. "Our vision is to ensure a sustainable future, and this includes every step we undertake. The manufacturing of our products has to be done in the greenest way possible. we would sincerely like to thank IGBC for recognising our efforts in creating a minimum-waste, energy-efficient manufacturing infrastructure."

They have been exporting for 25 years and have supplied Shared Earth since 2008. We introduce new designs each year and their bags are one of our most popular ranges, appealing to a wider and wider audience as awareness about climate change and the need to tackle it grows. We're delighted to be able to supply a product which is not just an ideal alternative to plastic bags, it's also produced in such an exemplary way.



















EA2303

mushrooms

Jute bags
The world uses more than 500 billion plastic bags each year - that's 150 for each person on the planet! They're completely unnecessary and it's clear what we should do - use longlife bags instead, as we always used to. These jute bags are an excellent, eco-friendly option. Jute is a great fibre, fastgrowing, biodegradable and recyclable. It needs far less land and water to grow than cotton, and can also be grown without



EA2304 fruits



These bags are 100% vegan; no animals are harmed, they're water-based and AZO-free dyes are used.

EA2255 red deer

They're a great alternative to single-use plastic bags and they last for years!

EA2305

vegetables

#### Bestselling range!



moon swans

EA1904

walkies

TOP SELLER

EA19700

camper van

EA1901

badgers and bluebells

tree of life & elephants



#### Mini bags

TOP SELLER

Tailored to be a perfect fit for a lunch box! size: 25x20x9cm



EA174 bestseller





TOP SELLER



bestseller







re-use me

26x21x10cm

42x32x18cm

with 6 each x 24 jute bags

# GOSIP rice husk cup

# It's up to us!

Did you know...

An estimated 8 million tons of plastic ends up in the oceans every year!

Disposable coffee cups, though made largely of paper, contain plastic polyethylene to make them waterproof. Technically, they are recyclable however only 3 specialist centres in the UK can do this and with only 9% of plastic ever getting recycled - almost all end up in landfill or worse, the sea.

#### So, it's up to us!

Our coffee cups are made from rice husks, contain no melamine and are fully biodegradable. They are dishwasher and microwave safe, and (unlike the bamboo cups we tested ourselves), don't stain. Look after them, and they will last for years. And there's another incentive; if you take them into some progressive coffee chains, they will knock 25p or 50p off the price...



RH022 charaka pilgrim



RH027 geckos & dragonfly



RH032 save our bees bestseller



RH033 vanilla mocha



RH034 charcoal bestseller



RH035 elephants bestseller



RH041 hare and moon



RH046 meerkats



sunflowers and bikes



RH048 toucans





RH049 fruit and vegatable faces



butterflies



RH051 sheep bestseller



RH052 rainbow bestseller



#### **Shipping**

To reach a target of net zero emissions by 2050 – or by 2030 as many of us would like – we have to act now!

The key environmental impact Shared Earth has, along with the raw materials of the products we sell, is the way they are shipped and delivered to you, our customers. Globally, transport accounts for 15% of all CO2 emissions, and this is rising. 90% of what we buy comes to us by ship, using the dirtiest of fossil fuels; how can we change this? The first duty of any importer should be to ensure that it transports its products in a sustainable way. That's why we've chosen to work with GoodShipping, a global leader in sustainability. It's the world's first sustainable shipping initiative which aims to change the fuel mix within the transport industry. It works on the 'mass balance' principle whereby the volume of biofuels, for all of our shipments, is fuelled into another ship that would otherwise run on fossil fuels. This neutralises our emissions, so that all the products you buy from us are carbon neutral, in effect 'net zero'.

We have now extended this process to include transport of our shipments by lorry from the port (Felixtowe) to our warehouse, and delivery of orders from our warehouse to you, our customers.



GoodShipping uses biofuels which are wasteand residue- based, for instance frying oils which are labelled as 100% waste and cannot be used in any other way. They don't compete with food production, nor do they involve any change in land use, deforestation or loss of biodiversity. The whole process is monitored by an independent sustainability board. We need to shift from non-renewables to renewables, and even the smallest business can help this to happen, by buying from suppliers who are acting on these issues, not just talking! We encourage any importer who is reading this to join up with GoodShipping, or a similar system; we can all help reach that target of net zero, if we act. We can all play a part, and make a difference!

A recent report showed that the top supermarkets in the UK sold 2.5 BILLION disposable water bottles last year – 37 for each member of the population. What a waste! They're the most common form of litter on our coastline, and even if we recycle them it doesn't guarantee that they won't end up in our oceans, a major pollutant and a hazard to wildlife.

In the sea, they break down into micro-plastics, containing toxins (which are used in many plastics, to increase their durability) and absorbing pollutants from the sea. Eaten by fish, they affect the food chain and eventually ourselves.



COP01
copper water bottle
engraved
600ml
bestseller



COP02
copper water bottle
hammered
600ml
bestseller



COP03
copper water bottle
diamond
600ml
bestseller





What can we do? It's up to us! Bottled water tastes no different from tap water and its benefits, if any exist, have been massively exaggerated by companies to boost their sales. We're being taken for a ride!





#### These copper water bottles are a great alternative, which can be used again and again!

Copper is known to bring you healthier lifestyle benefits for mind and body. Highly recommended by experts, copper turns water into a natural alkaline, which helps balance your body's pH levels.

To get the maximum health benefits, let your water sit overnight in the bottle and drink it in the morning for a healthy dose of copper nutrients necessary for a better life and mood. We like to call it the copper detox!

#### Bestselling range!



COP04 copper water bottle engraved 900ml



COP05 copper water bottle hammered



copper water bottle curve matt 900ml

#### Benefits are:

- very high quality
- fair trade
- 99.7% pure copper
- sustainable material
- leakproof
- self-sterilizing
- healing properties
- handcrafted
- appealing to look at!!



## Copper glasses



COP07 copper glass engraved 300ml



COP08 copper glass hammered 300ml



COP09 copper glass diamond 300ml







## Copper trays, mugs and jugs

Popular, attractive, beneficial to health and each product holds a special story. We love our copper bottles and glasses so much that we just had to expand this range!



jugs

COP10 copper tray 32cm



COP12 copper 'mule' mug 450ml



COP15 copper jug diamond 1.5 litre





copper jug engraved 1.5 litre

#### Copper bottle gift sets

Our hand-crafted copper bottles are the best quality you can find anywhere in Europe. Beautifully boxed, these gift sets make a perfect present.



















A classic Indian-style lunch box set which features 3 stacking steel containers with lids and handle. Perfect for a mixed selection of salads, savouries and sweets.







Two zero waste, high quality stainless steel lunch boxes from India. A great alternative to throw-away plastic lunches - use them again and again. Can also be used for storage.