It's up to us!

And we can all make a difference!

Here we present some of our best-selling ranges, items for everyday use which can help to create a more sustainable world. By selling them, you too can play an important part in saving our oceans and our wildlife, and slowing global warming. Action on climate change is needed now! Will future generations ask, "why didn't you act while you had the chance?" Or will history thank us for what we did to save the world? As businesses, we can help by choosing sustainable, recycled and eco-friendly products. And it makes good business sense too; public support for tackling climate change is at its highest ever, and sustainability is all the rage!

When sourcing our products we consider raw materials, production processes, packaging and now we're looking at shipping. How can shipping products from thousands of miles away match our environmental aspirations? We've long worried about this, without knowing what



to do. Globally, transport accounts for 15% of all CO2 emissions today, and this is rising. 90% of the products we buy in the UK – food, clothing, furniture – arrive here by ship. And the maritime industry burns the dirtiest fuel in the world. It's time to clean the decks...

From January 2021, our whole supply chain (air, road and sea), will be carbon-neutral! We are decarbonizing our shipping, by changing from fossil fuels to sustainable biofuels.

We're doing this by working with GoodShipping in the Netherlands, a global leader in sustainability. The biofuels are waste and residue-based, they don't compete with food production, nor do they involve any change in land use, deforestation or loss of biodiversity. Fantastic! - when we heard of GoodShipping, we jumped straight on board! They work on the 'mass balance' principle; the volume of biofuel that will neutralize our emissions is fuelled into another ship that would otherwise have run on fossil fuels. As all CO2 from shipping is emitted into the same atmosphere, reducing these emissions is equally effective, regardless of which ship uses the biofuels. It has the same net effect in reducing global emissions and averting climate change.

We're including air and truck journeys too: our CO2 emissions, from producer through to you as the customer, will be **ZERO** as from 1 January 2021. We're delighted to be a trailblazer in the UK in what we hope will become the norm as a way of reducing carbon emissions for importers. Jump on board with us!

Shared Earth - Fighting Covid-19 with reuseable masks

Masks - or face coverings as they are known - have been a godsend in countries whose lockdowns have put artisans out of work where no social security exists and they've been desperate for work to feed their families. The PeoplesMask was designed by WFTO - Asia. It has two layers of 100% cotton fabric, a pocket for tissue to increase efficiency, is re-usable, is produced and packed under strict hygiene standards, REACH and BLUESIGN certified. Masks on this page are from Fair Trade suppliers in Sri Lanka.





Our suppliers the Zuri foundation have done stirling work in Kenya providing face coverings for children in the slums in Tabaka, where soapstone is made.



Also from Sri Lanka, these masks are made from recycled saris. The REACH and BLUESIGN standards can't be guaranteed, but all textiles are thoroughly washed and treated to ensure safety.

More great face covering designs from Sri Lanka, India and Bali!



Asst 'flower' PeoplesMask designs from Tara Projects in India.

MASK17 PeoplesMask asst. med MASK18 PeoplesMask asst. lar



MASK06-6ASPIN24 24 pocket floor spinner MASK06-6A asst cols & sizes x 300 70 inches ht

MASK12-13SPIN24

24 pocket floor spinner MASK12-13 asst cols & sizes x 300 70 inches ht



MASK08 PeoplesMask rainbow med MASK09 PeoplesMask rainbow lar



MASK06-6ASPIN12 12 pocket counter spinner MASK06-6A asst cols & sizes x 200 30 inches ht

MASK12-13SPIN12

12 pocket counter spinner MASK12-13 asst cols & sizes x 200 30 inches ht



It's not easy eating chocolate when you've got a mask on - but when it's a new flavour from our flavoursome suppliers Chocaffair - you'll go to any length!

CHOC1433

Lemon and Sea Salt

See more new flavours on page 254



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



COP02 copper water bottle hammered 600ml



COP03 copper water bottle diamond 600ml





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 bottled--water 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!



COP04 copper water bottle engraved 900ml



COP05 copper water bottle hammered 900ml



COP06 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



NEW RANGE

OSIP rice husk cup

Disposable coffee cups, though made largely of paper, contain plastic polyethylene to make them waterproof. They are technically recyclable, but in practice only 3 specialist centres in the UK can deal with them; so almost all end up in landfill or worse, the sea, where they affect the food chain in the same way as plastic bottles. In the UK we use 7 million of them each day!

The Environmental Audit Committee has recommended to the government that they should be banned if not fully recyclable by 2023. The bamboo coffee cups on the market, often seen as an alternative, also contain about 15-20% plastic, in the form of melamine, so despite claims made, are neither recyclable nor compostable. A reputable German consumer organization. Stiftung Warentest, has tested 12 brands and concluded, 'Keep your hands off bamboo cups', because it's not possible to recycle them, despite the claims made, and also because they are dangerous to health, releasing dangerous amounts of formaldehyde.

What can we do? Once again, 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...









Show your stripes!



Show your stripes! These stripes, which show a colour for the average temperature for each year (blue for cool, red for warm) were invented by climate scientist Ed Hawkins. Starting in 1850, they show mainly dark blue till about 1920, then gradually lighter blue until about 1980, and then suddenly, in the space of just 20-30 years, light red, dark red and almost black - this last decade has been the warmest on record. It's a visual representation of global warming which it's hard to ignore.







GOSIP Vrice husk cup



RH007 tortoiseshells & flowers



RH008 warblers & dragonflies



RH009 busy foxgloves bestseller



RH010 lily pond



RH011 folk florals turquoise bestseller



RH012 folk florals maroon



RH014 cadiz bestseller



RH015 Marrakesh bestseller



RH016 paisley masala



RH004 bluetits & tulips



RH018 feline fun bestseller



RH019 walkies bestseller



RH020 birds in garden bestseller

Our rice husk cups come in a gift box!

Our rice husk cups all come in gift boxes, which include loads of information about them.

Whether you care about the environment or not, they make an excellent gift.



RH021 Le Petit Prince bestseller



RH022 charaka pilgrim



RH025 dare to be different bestseller



RH027 geckos & dragonfly bestseller



RH028 dreamcatcher dusk



Lindisfarne peafowl bestseller



RH030 cats in love



RH031 tree of life in bloom bestseller



RH032 save our bees

TOP SELLER



RH033 vanilla mocha bestseller



RH034 charcoal



RH035 elephants



70% LESS CO2 to produce than conventional plastic tableware



Sustainable reuse of agricultural waste









Conforms to international certification standards



MICROWA\ SAFE



DISHWASHE







TAR2160 set of 3 plain



TAR2161 set of 3 floral & fruits







TAR2162 set of 3 stripes etc



TAR2163 set of 3 checks







TAR2164 set of 3 natural world

Napkins

Size 41x41cm

We present here a new range of eco-friendly products from India, made with recycled saris. Knot wrap is a great alternative to normal giftwrap – it looks fantastic and instead of being thrown away, it can be used again and again.



TAR2170 set of 3 plain



TAR2171 set of 3 floral & fruits





TAR2172 set of 3 stripes etc



TAR2173 set of 3 checks



TAR2174 set of 3 wildlife

Make-up removers











NEW'











TAR2182 set of 4 wildlife

TAR2180 set of 4 patterns

TAR2181 set of 4 floral

Recycled plastic shoppers

These animal themed shopping bags are made from recycled plastic bottles. Use them and re-use them!



SDEA16838 shopper - zebra



SDEA16938 shopper - toucan



SDEA17038 shopper - sloth



SDEA17138 shopper - panda



shoppers box of 24 asst.

NEW RANGE

Jute bags

Great sufferin' pandas and frogs! Heavenly rainbows and planets! More best-sellers-tobe from our in-house design team.



EA2102 save our coral reefs



EA2106 rainbow





koala and baby



poison tree frog



re-use me



EA2101 sloth with baby



ladybirds



EA2105 suns and moons



EA2108 little green bag 26x21x10cm



EA2109 big green bag 42x32x18cm

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 long-life bags instead, as we always used to.

These jute bags are an excellent, eco-friendly option. Jute is a great fibre, fast-growing, biodegradable and recyclable. It needs far less land and water to grow than cotton, and can also be grown without pesticides.

Our jute bags are made in Kolkata, India and here we present 11 new designs from our in-house design team, which we think you will love....

Standard size for jute bags is 30x30x20cm







floral blue



EA1400 birds in love



EA1571 save our bees TOP SELLER



EA1572 fox & cub



cat sleeping



flamingos



EA171 fruit



EA172 bicycle

Mini bags

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







bestseller





EAST00

POS display stand

with 6 each x 24 jute bags





that you can't go wrong- all created by our in-house designers and unique to us.



EA1903 hamsa hand



walkies





EA2082

cat and wool



EA2080

penguin and chick



EA2083

pug

Silk scarves

We need scarves in the UK but how can we make them eco-friendly and help in a small way to tackle the climate crisis? Recycled materials of course! This also means that each one is different, one of the reasons they sell so well.

Wool stoles

Large size handloom stoles from Nepal, woven from recycled wool and other fabrics.

Also perfect as a luxurious throw for your sofa, amongst our top ten bestsellers year in year out. 195x80cm



CRC1400

FN1105 stripes asst cols



FN1106 plain asst cols

TOP SELLER





POS display stand with FN1105-6 x 64 scarves



POS display stand with 32 x CRC1400 + each 6x12 jute bags



CRCST00 POS display stand with 64 kantha scarves



Kantha stitch silk scarves

Bestselling range



MKS18703 silk scarf with kantha stitch squares asst cols. 190x45cm

Rather than simple kantha stitch rows, the stiches on these scarves form shapes - coloured squares and circles - to create amazing coordinated patterns over the recycled sari fabric.



kantha stitch silk scarf one side made of patchwork panels asst cols. 190x45cm



MKS18701 silk scarf with kantha stitch circles asst cols. 190x45cm

Bamboo socks

Put your feet up and enjoy our fabulous fancy Fair Trade footwear, and help save the planet too!

Why Bamboo and not cotton?

There are many reasons why bamboo viscose yarn is good for the environment.

Bamboo grows without the need for fertilisers or pesticides. Because it naturally requires less water (a third of the water required to grow cotton), farmers don't need to irrigate their crop, saving water in a country where water shortages are a big problem.

Bamboo yields are ten times higher per hectare than cotton and the plant rarely needs replanting, sprouting on its own. Bamboo yarns require less dye than cotton and keep their colour for longer.

Why is bamboo viscose great to wear?

- it's supersoft
- it's 40% more moisture absorbant than cotton
- it's a breathable fabric that keeps feet fresh and dry
- it's comfortable
- it's naturally anti-bacterial
- it's durable and stronger than cotton
- it's hypo allergenic



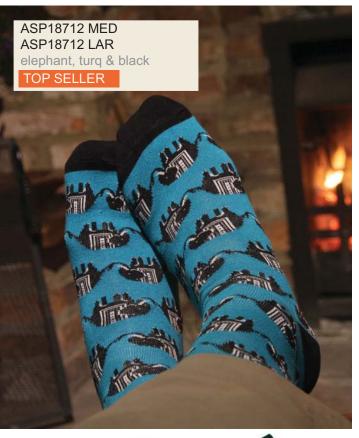


3% elastane











ASP18713 MED ASP18713 LAR elephant, grey, black & yellow



ASP18714 MED ASP18714 LAR globetrotter, green and blue



ASP18716 MED ASP18716 LAR celestial



ASP18718 MED ASP18718 LAR tree of life



ASP18719 MED **ASP18719 LAR** save our bees



ASP18720 MED ASP18720 LAR rainbow



ASP18724 MED **ASP18724 LAR** square swirls



ASP18725 MED ASP18725 LAR dancing people



ASP18726 MED ASP18726 LAR stripes: turq, terracota, green



ASP18727 MED restless sea & albatross



ASP18728 MED ASP18728 LAR cheeky cats



ASP2001 LAR ASP2001 MED sunflowers & bees









Sock multipacks



ASPA01LAR ASPA01MED ducks, sharks, frogs



ASPA02LAR ASPA02MED goldfinches, toucans, puffins



ASPA03LAR ASPA03MED foxes, rabbits, squirrels



ASPA04LAR ASPA04MED elephants, sheep, owls



ASPA05LAR ASPA05MED stripes and polka dots



ASPA06LAR ASPA06MED sharks, turtles, seals



ASPA07LAR ASPA07MED cats & dogs



ASPA08LAR ASPA08MED clouds, butterflies, bees



ASPA09LAR ASPA09MED trees, bikes, circuitboard



ASPA10LAR ASPA10MED bees, cats, sheep