

LAURA ASHLEY

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT 2004



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LAURA ASHLEY GROUP ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Our activities cover a wide range of manufacturing, distribution and retailing operations and as such the company recognises and accepts that concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of its business strategy and operating methods.

Due to the diverse nature of the business this Policy is a guideline for the different divisions within Laura Ashley who are encouraged to adopt a policy specific to their environmental impacts.

The Board of Laura Ashley Holdings plc will endeavour to ensure that the Environmental Policy is reviewed annually and implemented throughout the group.

We are committed to;

- A programme of continual environmental improvement by encouraging business specific environmental management systems to be adopted.
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation, other environmental regulations and standards of relevance to the industry sectors in which we operate.
- The prevention of pollution and reducing any impacts of the Group's operations on the environment and local community.
- Developing objectives and targets to manage all potentially significant environmental aspects.
- Develop meaningful indicators for the group and encouraging divisions of Laura Ashley to report on energy, waste and fuel consumption.
- Operate and maintain company vehicles as far as reasonably practical with due regard to environmental issues.
- Operating wherever possible using substances and plant which will not significantly affect the environment and to assess in advance the environmental impact of any new processes or products
- Monitoring waste production (products and packaging) within all divisions, and seeking to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle waste where possible.
- Encouraging suppliers and contractors to implement policies that protect the environment.

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