



2017

Bunnings UK & Ireland Community Report Card

BUNNINGS
warehouse



Welcome

Bunnings acquired Homebase in February 2016 and opened the first Bunnings Warehouse in the UK and Ireland in February 2017.

We have long term investment plans in the UK and Ireland, and aspire to become the leading retailer of home improvement and garden products.

As we continue to grow there will be a strong focus on driving energy efficiency, waste reduction and ethical sourcing actions across the business.

Bunnings defines sustainability as being actions that are socially responsible and environmentally aware and economically viable.

This Community Report Card captures our key sustainability actions and community involvement across the 2016/17 financial year.

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Community Involvement

Between February and June 2017, the four Bunnings Warehouse pilot stores helped raise and contribute more than £30,500 and participated in and supported over 35 community activities. A number of local community organisations such as schools, hospices, emergency services and youth groups were supported through activities including fundraising sausage sizzles, hands-on projects, local fundraising initiatives and product contributions.



Reducing Waste

We are committed to reducing supply chain resource waste and achieving greater packaging efficiencies, as well as helping customers make sustainable living choices.

In Bunnings Warehouse pilot stores, single or reusable carrier bags are not available. Instead, customers can use cardboard boxes to take products home or have the option to purchase a tote bag.



Sustainability

The countries and communities from which we source our products are very important to us and we are committed to ensuring the products we sell come from legal and sustainable operations, with good working conditions and fair treatment of people.

In November 2016, we became a key signatory to the European DIY Retailer Association (EDRA), linking DIY retailers together to share ideas on best practice in ethical and sustainable sourcing. This is an important step in ensuring we maintain ethical supply chains across the UK and Ireland.

Since 1992 we have been a retail participant in the WWF Global Forest and Trade Network (GFTN), a program established to encourage markets to responsibly source forest products and progress beyond legality, towards credible certification.

We are confident that more than 99% of timber products are confirmed as originating from low risk sources including plantation, verified legal, or certified responsibly sourced forests. Within that, more than 85% of our total timber products are sourced from independently certified forests or sourced with demonstrated progress towards achieving independent certification, such as that provided by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).





Community Involvement

Since March 2015 our Homebase stores have supported the Macmillan Cancer Support and the Irish Cancer Society.

During the year, Homebase helped raise and contribute over £245,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support and the Irish Cancer Society, helping to fund more than 8,000 nursing hours in communities across the country.

Funds were raised through team member led activities, as well as volunteers fundraising in-store. Support for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Irish Cancer Society will continue in the next financial year with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to be held in September 2017.

We also commenced support for Prostate Cancer UK through a two-week fundraising campaign. Activities included cake sales, customer competitions, awareness tables and team member step count challenges, helping to raise and contribute over £23,500 in June 2017.

Team members continued to support local community and not for profit groups such as schools, care homes, hospices, Scouts and Girl Guides through hands-on projects, as well as product donations and awareness tables.

Community project highlights

- Six London stores supported Bromley in Bloom by donating wheelbarrows to 24 schools to design and plant.
- Peterborough store supported the YMCA Sleep Easy campaign with an incinerator to help supporters fight the cold during their awareness sleep outs across the country.
- Huntingdon store organised a tea party for Contact the Elderly, a charity that helps elderly people build friendships and have time outside of their homes to help tackle loneliness.
- Clitheroe store helped a local school rebuild damage to their playground after vandals destroyed their property.
- Team members at the Wick store updated the patients garden at their local hospital.

HOMEBASE

Sustainability

We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint through greater energy efficiency, as well as the further rollout of renewable energy systems.

In November 2016, an LED lighting trial in Homebase Peterborough highlighted benefits beyond energy cost savings. The sustainable fittings also reduced maintenance costs and created a brighter working and shopping environment for customers and team members.

New LED lighting has now been rolled out to a further 77 stores and has reduced energy consumption by 8%.

The successful programme is due to be extended throughout the next financial year.



Reducing Waste

In Homebase, box bays were introduced to offer customers an alternative to reusable and single-use carrier bags. The initiative came as part of a waste review, which aimed to highlight best practices and re-focus team members on the importance of efficient and cost effective waste disposal.

Single use carrier bags per transaction were down 18% (May 2016 to April 2017) and waste from cardboard for recycling was down two thirds.

Alongside this initiative, we continued to support Greenfingers through the sale of single use carrier bags. During the year, over £38,500 was raised for Greenfingers, a charity that builds therapeutic and recreational outdoor spaces for children's hospices across the UK.



About Bunnings

Bunnings is the leading retailer of home improvement and outdoor living products in Australia and New Zealand and a major supplier to project builders, commercial tradespeople and the housing industry. Operating from a network of large warehouse stores, smaller format stores, trade centres and frame and truss sites, Bunnings caters for consumer and commercial customers.

As at 30 June 2017, Bunnings Australia and New Zealand operates out of 362 trading locations (of which 249 are warehouses), employing over 40,000 team members.

In February 2016 Bunnings acquired Homebase, the second largest home improvement and garden retailer in the United Kingdom and Ireland. As of 30 June 2017, in the UK and Ireland, Bunnings Warehouse opened four stores in St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead and Milton Keynes. It also operates as Homebase out of 251 trading locations, employing over 12,000 team members.



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