

Challenges:



As the UK distributor of wastewater heat recovery systems (WWHRS), Showersave takes responsibility as a leader in sustainability very seriously. The company is recognised as a renewable technology and in order to meet the everchanging needs of customers, they

continue to play an active role in research and development alongside their manufacturer in Holland. This allows Showersave to combine knowledge of the UK market and the sustainable requirements of customers, with the technical expertise of their European manufacturer.

In early summer of 2021, the company undertook an independent trial, which measured the energy improvements that the Showersave system has on air source heat pumps. This is particularly relevant as Government policy is to transition to air source heat pumps (ASHPs) over the next 10 years away from gas boilers. The trials undertaken by the Centre for Sustainable Technologies at the University of Ulster showed impressive results and have been shared throughout the sector with heat pump manufacturers, the government, and housing developers.

Impact:

The School training events attended are well organised, showcasing:

- Guest speakers providing an interesting insight into their area of expertise
- An excellent opportunity to network with others involved in the construction industry
- Sharing knowledge
- Exchanging views on the importance of sustainability

To demonstrate leadership from an office environment Showersave started with small-scale changes such as:

- Eliminating diesel vehicles from their fleet
- Introducing electric vehicles for several employees
- Reducing the amount of travel to client meetings and CPD events
- Encouraging more online meetings

Fact box



Showersave

Company

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No of employees

8

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Services

Sole distributor of Showersave wastewater heat recovery systems in the UK and Ireland

About

Showersave have worked with BRE and external consultants to introduce WWHR systems to the UK market by getting recognised in SAP in 2008. This involved advising and consulting on the calculation methodologies that were introduced for the first time in SAP. Showersave is currently the WWHRS of choice for many of the UK's leading housebuilders, with over 15,000 units installed.

Value gained:

Membership with the Supply Chain Sustainability School has also played a valuable role when submitting tenders for various potential clients, who have specifically requested Silver/Gold status.

As members of Supply Chain Sustainability School Showersave have engaged with the vast range of online learning resources and gained the following value.

Benchmarking knowledge: Assessments are a useful tool to gain a benchmark of awareness and knowledge of various sustainability topics. The scores achieved after the assessment helps to improve awareness and knowledge prior to next required assessment.

Bespoke action plan: The action plan was a motivating factor in continuing to engage with online resources such as videos and e-learning modules. Having a benchmark to work against ensured users completed the bespoke action plan, in preparation for re-assessment.

Engaging and relevant resources: E-learning modules were very useful tools and kept users engaged through the use of relevant content, high quality video and graphics as well as interactive quizzes throughout each module.

Demonstrating leadership: Showersave have become more aware of the importance of demonstrating leadership within the sector.

Continual learning: The company has continued to learn and develop knowledge throughout the workplace.

Measuring progress: The company dashboard provides a useful instant snapshot of measuring progress.

Future proofing:

Showersave envisage that membership with the School will become an even greater requirement as sustainability issues continue to become an integral part of the construction industry. The company remains committed to maintaining Gold level status by continuing to engage with learning resources online, attending training events and ensuring that the knowledge acquired is put into practice throughout the company.

