

Challenges:

Bathgate Flooring has faced rising energy costs driven by world events such as the Russia–Ukraine war, which caused electricity tariffs to soar, and the new requirement under SECR for individual companies to report carbon emissions, previously handled by its parent group, creating a steep learning curve. The company also strives to implement sustainable practices throughout its supply chain, requiring transparency, accountability and collaboration, and to reduce on-site waste and ensure correct disposal protocols.

Impact:

Membership of the Supply Chain Sustainability School enabled Bathgate Flooring to begin carbon reporting and develop plans to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, to install 210 solar panels on its premises, generating power for offices and manufacturing, and to review waste streams, switching from plastic cartridges to foil chubs, cutting panels during manufacturing rather than on site and using recyclable pallets for return and reuse.

Engagement events: By attending Sustainability School webinars, Bathgate Flooring connected with experts and industry leaders, exchanged knowledge and built relationships, benefiting from high-quality, up-to-date content delivered by field specialists.

Resources: Assessments were easy and straightforward, and the action plan highlighted areas for improvement and guided progress towards sustainability goals. E-learning modules were very useful, offering flexible sessions that staff could complete at their own pace

Value gained:

Through the School Bathgate Flooring has increased its knowledge and capability in sustainable practices and carbon reporting, enabling work towards ISO 14064 accreditation. The 2024 solar installation produced 54.38 MWh, saving 10.5 tonnes of CO₂, equivalent to planting 1 193 trees, and opened opportunities to win contracts via a sustainable supply chain. The company now focuses on reducing landfill waste by adopting sustainable products, minimising plastic use and maximising recycling.

Future proofing:

Bathgate Flooring will continue to utilise the School's learning resources to enhance environmental responsibility, improve carbon reporting, promote sustainable practices and increase supply-chain transparency, using assessments to regularly review and refine its sustainability goals.

Fact box

BATHGATE

FLOORING

Company

Bathgate Flooring Ltd

No of employees

70

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Services

Manufacture, supply and installation of Raised Access Flooring

About

Bathgate Flooring is a quality flooring-solutions specialist manufacturing and installing for commercial sites throughout the UK. As the largest independent manufacturer and installer of raised-access flooring in the UK, the company offers a comprehensive service covering specification, manufacture, installation and project management of a full range of raised-access flooring systems.