

Challenges:

One of the biggest challenges South Eastern Carpentry Ltd faces around sustainability is understanding the specific requirements needed to meet carbon reduction and reporting standards.

Gathering accurate data for Carbon Reduction Plans, particularly Scope 3 emissions, can be difficult due to the complexity of data collection and reliance on third-party sources.

Setting up systems to monitor mileage, energy use, and CO₂ emissions requires both time and consistency to collect meaningful long-term data. Similarly, obtaining accurate waste data from third-party contractors—such as where waste is taken, how much is recycled, sent to landfill, or converted into energy can be challenging.

Developing processes to collect, verify, and report this data accurately remains a key focus as the company strengthens its sustainability strategy.

Impact:

Engagement with the Supply Chain Sustainability School has provided South Eastern Carpentry Ltd with valuable knowledge and resources to tackle these challenges. The School's e-learning modules have enhanced understanding of carbon reduction principles and guided the company through developing a robust Carbon Reduction Plan.

These resources have been particularly useful in helping the organisation identify, collect, and analyse data across Scopes 1, 2, and 3 emissions, while also offering practical guidance on where and how to gather the necessary information.

The School's platform also serves as a valuable learning hub for employees, enabling them to complete relevant training modules and webinars to deepen their understanding of sustainability topics. This has strengthened internal awareness and supported the organisation's commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050.

Value gained:

Membership in the Supply Chain Sustainability School is viewed as a significant advantage within the construction industry. It provides South Eastern Carpentry Ltd with a competitive edge when tendering for new projects, as sustainability credentials are increasingly valued by clients.

The organisation's commitment to continuous learning and improvement through the School demonstrates proactive engagement with sustainability, a factor that can influence the success of bids and pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQs).

Fact box



Company

South Eastern Carpentry Ltd

No of employees

50

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About

South Eastern Carpentry Ltd undertakes works on major building projects across all sectors, with a portfolio that includes government contracts, luxury residential developments, hotels and leisure facilities, commercial office fit-outs, retail spaces, hospitals, schools, and universities.

The company also specialises in heritage and conservation joinery, with experience on a wide range of listed and historic buildings across the UK.

Achieving higher membership levels, such as Silver or Gold, further strengthens credibility and reinforces the company's position as a responsible and forward-thinking contractor. This recognition not only supports business growth but also enhances reputation within the wider industry.

Future proofing:

South Eastern Carpentry Ltd plans to share learning and resources from the Supply Chain Sustainability School across its project teams to increase awareness and understanding of sustainability in day-to-day operations.

The organisation aims to ensure that all site teams recognise their role in promoting sustainable practices, driving progress, and embedding sustainability principles throughout every level of the business.