



Environmental, Social and Governance Commitments



**Evans
Vanodine**
EST. 1919

Foreword: **Peter Evans**

At Evans Vanodine we are very proud of our heritage and what we have achieved as a family-owned company since our foundation back in 1919 by William Charles Evans. Over the intervening years there have been many changes and whilst we acknowledge our history and remain true to our founder's values and ethics, we continue to look towards the future.

Our founder was a chemist and he would be pleased to see that we are continuing to research, develop and manufacture effective quality cleaning and hygiene solutions fit for the demands of our customers. Producing products that our customers can trust whilst having as little impact on the environment as possible is at the forefront of our Sustainability Strategy.



Peter Evans

Chairman

4th Generation of The Evans Family

Foreword: **Camilla Evans**

The landscape in which we operate is ever changing – it is fast paced and unpredictable.

As humanity continually progresses, the expectations of businesses in society are evolving, placing our impact under scrutiny. Having operated for over 100 years across five generations, we understand and honour our history, but we recognise that how we move forward must adapt to thrive in this new world. While we can't change what's on the horizon, we can shape the outcome through our actions and choices. This is especially true for our ESG journey — as a family business, we are deeply aware that the positive and negative impacts we make today will influence the next 100 years.



Camilla Evans

Strategic Operations Manager

5th Generation of the Evans Family



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Scope

It is more critical than ever to tackle climate change and the deterioration of our natural environment. It is a business' duty to understand their impact and respond accordingly, making commitments to prevent further irreversible damage to our planet.

The purpose of our ESG Strategy is:



To make a commitment to delivering necessary reductions in emissions and reduce negative impacts throughout the value chain, in line with UN sustainability targets.



To create a progressive, talented and motivated workplace, where people want to work.



To have a positive impact on our workforce, local community, surrounding area and the wider community where possible.





Context – The Why

Why do anything to decrease any negative impact, improve your carbon footprint and be environmentally conscious? The evidence is clear – the climate is changing, the effects are being felt all over the world; from countries being ravaged by drought and wildfires through to storms and flooding.

The emissions causing these changes must stop, and we must all work together to contribute to change, no matter how big or small your business.

The UK, as one of the signatories of The Paris Agreement, has been a long-standing world leader on the issue of climate change, setting targets as part of The Climate Change Act 2008, to reduce greenhouse gases by 80% by 2050. More recent amendments include economy-wide targets to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by the same end date – a target which impacts all businesses.

The current path we are all on predicts a global warming increase of 4°C. However, the target set as part of the Paris agreement, signed by 197 countries, is to limit ourselves to 1.5°C.



Our Family Business, of Five Generations

Established in 1919 by William Charles Evans in Salford, the company initially produced spraying essences for cinemas, then later expanded the product range to include disinfectants, liquid soaps and powders. Expansion continued over the years, and the product range grew including the creation of the first iodine-based disinfectant in the 1950s, Vanodine, which was such an integral part of our history it was included in the company name.

We have been developing and manufacturing consistent, efficient and cost-effective cleaning and hygiene products for over 100 years, for the Professional Hygiene and Agricultural sectors.

The move to larger premises in Preston in the 1980s allowed us expand and develop our expertise in the fight against infection. This was possible due to extensive facilities for microbiology, research and development and quality control laboratories which the new site provided.

The company continues to be owned and run by the Evans Family with 4th and 5th generations of the family working throughout the business. We believe that our employees are one of our greatest assets and contribute significantly to the success and growth of our company. We are incredibly proud that many of our workforce have been with the company for over 25 years.





Our Vision

We are dedicated to making improvements in products and processes to reduce our impact on the environment. As a Upper Tier COMAH site, we are committed to protecting both the people and nature surrounding the site. The ISO14001 Certification for Environmental Management has been held by the business since 2007 and has been maintained for the past 16 years due to the tireless efforts of our workforce.

We understand that to continue to be a successful business and reputable brand, we must incorporate sustainability initiatives into our vision for the future.

Our vision for this is:



Environmental Impacts – reduce our impact on the environment. Ensure the manufacturing of our products does not lead to pollution incidents, air quality issues or adverse effects on our surroundings.



Resource efficiency – Designing our products and processes to maximise the use of the resources available.



Decarbonisation – using our knowledge and expertise to reduce our carbon footprint year on year.



Biodiversity – join with local projects to increase biodiversity both on our site and within our local area.



Social sustainability – Ensure our supply chain is robust and in keeping with the standards we set. Looking after our employees, having a positive impact within our local community.





Our approach

We are setting ourselves a strategic pathway to guide us to completing our vision. We have developed a sustainability strategy covering 4 main target areas.



Carbon
reduction



Plastic



Waste



Social
responsibility

This approach means that our workforce and supply chain are involved in working towards changing our impact for the better.



The Challenges

Although we have identified improvements that we can make on our site to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we also need others to act and deliver results before we can achieve our goals. This includes suppliers, customers, logistics networks, national energy infrastructure and even government policies. We regularly engage with various stakeholders to find better solutions to help us become a more sustainable business.



Carbon Offsetting

At Evans Vanodine, we do not believe that simply buying offsets and continuing operations as usual is the right way to reduce our carbon footprint. For anything to improve, we believe it needs to start with changing our habits, rather than continuing on the current path. We understand the need for reducing emissions and taking action to increase biodiversity, however, we recognise that we cannot do this alone. There needs to be improvement in all aspects of the supply chain, from more governmental investment in both existing and new technologies to allow us to procure more green energy and expand charging infrastructures, to our customers changing business practices, such as building orders to reduce the number of deliveries. All these things will have a positive impact on our carbon reduction journey.



Facilities

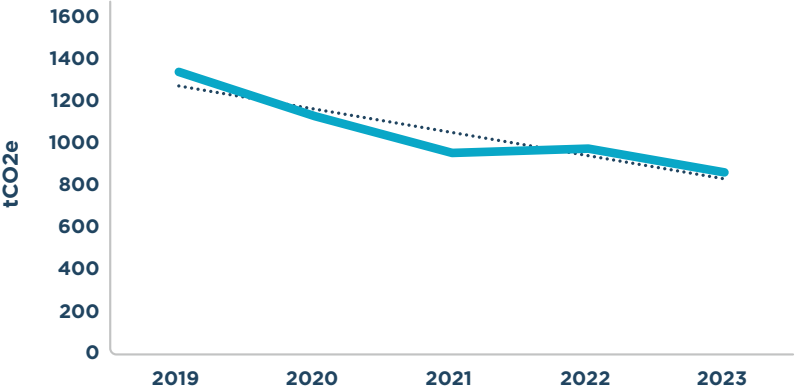
The company has expanded from a single unit occupancy site to a 100,000sq ft factory standing on a 5 acre site which includes extensive manufacturing and warehousing facilities. It is from here we innovate, formulate, manufacture and distribute our wide range of cleaning and hygiene products for use in the professional hygiene and livestock protection markets, which are exported to over 80 countries worldwide. This is facilitated through licensee plants in 5 international locations which aid the manufacture, sale and distribution of goods. This allows us to enter further markets, reduce shipping and therefore our carbon output.

At our facilities we run continuous improvement projects, which include elements of environmental improvements, even if they are not specifically an environmental based project.

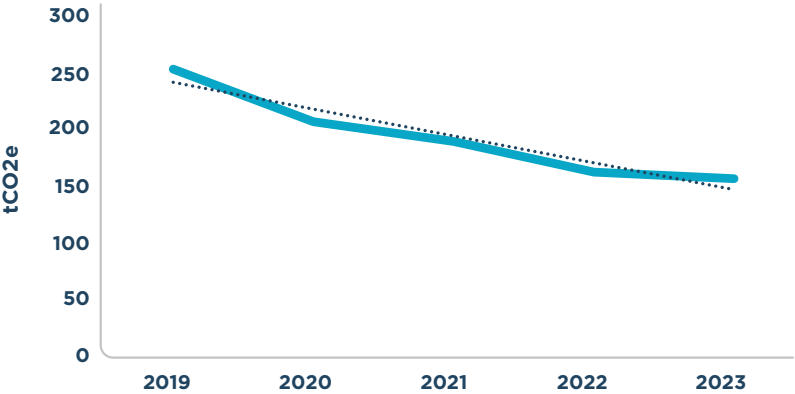


Improvements to date have resulted in a reduction across all utilities.

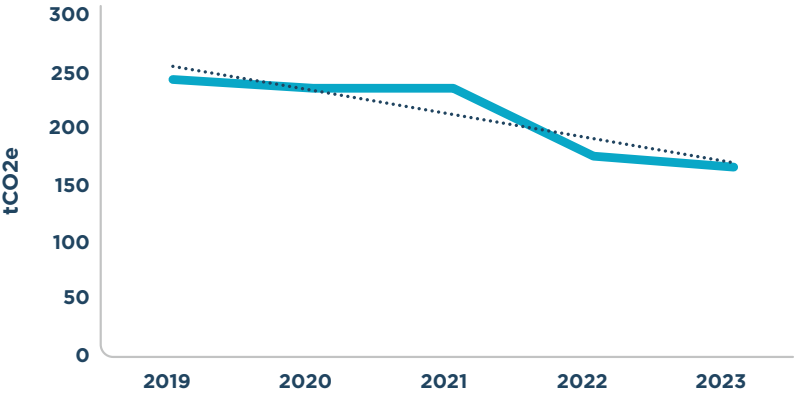
Footprint



Electricity



Gas



Highlights of our facility improvements are:



Installation of LED lighting
in all our office areas.



Installation of a HVAC system
combining heating and air
conditioning, eliminating the
need for 2 separate systems.



Full overhaul of the air
compressor systems saving
approx. 25 tCO₂e.



Continuous improvement
in our water usage saving
6 million litres, over the
past 5 years.



Our Objectives

Objective	Reason
<p>Reduce carbon footprint.</p> <p>Conduct company-wide survey and publish results.</p> <p>Collaborate with high usage departments to formally propose initiatives.</p> <p>Advise on effluent waste project, analyse current electricity usage and work collaboratively to reduce, paper & ink.</p> <p>Set a Net Zero target.</p>	<p>Reducing the carbon footprint of the business is a necessary measure to meet the governments net zero 2050 targets. Focus will be on reducing paper usage, power and water usage this year.</p> <p>The setting of a Net Zero target is becoming a requirement in large tenders, especially the NHS this supports the business to enable us to pursue more contracts.</p>
<p>Control effluent waste.</p> <p>Analyse current spillage data and reduce, encourage compliance with procedures, advise on and progress effluent tank projects.</p>	<p>Reduce potential for reputational damage to the business.</p> <p>Comply with regulatory requirements.</p> <p>Reduce risk of fine to the business.</p> <p>Reduce risk of prohibition notices being placed on our operations.</p>
<p>Support Sales divisions by creating and publishing a carbon calculator for customer use.</p>	<p>This is an innovative tool which will help make us stand out in the industry. No other company has this facility available.</p> <p>Become leaders in the industry.</p> <p>Showcase good practice.</p> <p>Potential to increase business.</p>

Success Measures	Departments	Deadline
<p>Planet mark certification retained (for yr 6)</p> <p>Reductions overall aim is 5% (less than 1000 sheets of paper, 2% power reduction, 2% water usage reduction)</p> <p>Net Zero target is published and publicly visible, this provides accountability for us as a company to be aiming for.</p> <p>Publish the results of carbon footprinting in full which again shows our accountability.</p>	<p>This is a full company objective and requires input from all departments</p>	<p>31st March 2025</p>
<p>Issue reports on current spillage data and non-compliance with procedures.</p> <p>Create a baseline year based on 23-24 data.</p> <p>Create a metric for baseline – eg per L produced.</p> <p>Reduce to spillages by 5%</p> <p>Reduce effluent waste by 5%</p>	<p>Environment</p> <p>Production</p> <p>Maintenance</p> <p>Quality</p> <p>H&S</p>	<p>31st March 2025</p>
<p>Create the carbon calculator using excel.</p> <p>Once working and approved work with web designers to create portal for customers to be able to calculate their carbon footprint.</p> <p>Calculator is live and being used.</p>	<p>Environment</p> <p>Sales</p> <p>Systems</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>Web designers</p>	<p>31st March 2025</p>



Supply Chain



Sourcing

As with most companies, our supply chain can be very complex with certain raw materials only being available from limited sources. We purchase our raw materials and packaging from UK sources, where possible, in order to reduce transportation emissions. We also aim to buy as much of the products we use from local suppliers, this also includes our waste services and food for our onsite canteen.



Logistics

We outsource our logistics and work closely with our supplier. Our logistics supplier uses energy efficient Euro 6 engines and continually invests within the fleet, with vehicle replacement programmes covering each distribution centre. Volvo FH 460 i-Save tractor units with new turbo compound engines were the first of their kind to enter their fleet harnessing the latest fuel-efficient technology.

They are also part of the Haz Chem network and Palletline meaning they can use local regional hubs to cut down on emissions generated from excessive freight. This approach can save approx. 7.5 tonnes CO2 per year. They reduce the impact of these hubs by installing solar panels, motion sensing efficient lighting and reducing waste.





Supplier Engagement

Our suppliers provide an essential role in enabling us to run our business. Under scope 3, which refers to the emissions a company or organisation is indirectly responsible for up and down its supply chain, they also have a carbon impact on our business. All suppliers are sent a supplier questionnaire including an impact on our carbon footprint, quality assurance and ethical business practices. These are analysed before a supplier can be added to our Approved Suppliers List. We realise the importance of this engagement, not only for our benefit and enabling us to reduce our carbon footprint, but for the supplier to be able to reduce theirs also.



Waste

At Evans Vanodine, we have been working in partnership with our waste service provider for the past 5 years to increase our recycling rates. At the last analysis at the end of 2022 our average recycling rate for the year was 95.2% the rest being sent to energy recovery 4.8%. (This does not include liquid chemical waste).



Packaging

Packaging is an essential part of our business. As a chemical manufacturer the packaging we supply must be durable, fit for purpose, meet certain standards and in some cases is regulated. We try to use recycled material where possible but there is a balancing act as the structural integrity of the packaging can be reduced. It is harder to use more recycled material in bottles that are used to package and transport chemicals. There are also Veterinary Medicines Regulations regarding use of recycled content for certain products. We continue to work with our packaging suppliers to ensure that they contain as much recycled material as possible, as technology develops and regulation changes.





Certificates and Schemes



ISO14001

We have held our ISO14001 certification since 2007. Our Environmental Management system helps us identify, manage, monitor and control our environmental issues. Part of the standard includes the need for continual improvement of our systems and approach to environmental concerns. This now includes assessing risks to the business from climate change.



Planet Mark

Now in our 6th year of monitoring and reducing our carbon footprint, we have improved from a baseline of 1339.6 tCO₂e to 862.2 tCO₂e, a 36% reduction in our 5-years of certification. We will keep pushing towards our 2050 target of net zero through site improvements, better use of energy, more efficient processes and optimising deliveries.



EcoVadis

Evans Vanodine has recently gained an EcoVadis “Committed” badge. The EcoVadis platform empowers us to manage ESG risks and compliance effectively, meet our sustainability goals and improve performance across our business and the supply chain. The insights into our company gained through EcoVadis will help us on our journey towards embedding sustainability into every business decision we make.





Social Value

Although environment is the main thing people think of when they hear the word sustainability, we must also consider social and human factors. As a business we provide jobs for over 150 people, many within the local area, supporting them and their families with good working conditions, protective policies, living wages and an employee assistance program.

We aim to start upskilling our staff over the coming years to introduce sustainability into their jobs and mindset. This change of focus on all levels of the business will help drive our sustainability projects company wide. We realise that our staff are best placed to suggest more sustainable ways of working as they are the experts on our everyday processes and practices. Involving them in this way ensures they are more accepting of the changes which we wish to implement.

The human and social aspects also include our involvement in the local community:



Foxton
We are here.

The Foxton Centre

A homeless shelter in our local city of Preston, helping individuals, families and victimised women to get off the streets and providing them with shelter, warmth, hygiene and food. We do a collection at Christmas every year where our staff donate food, clothing and other essential items.



Sports Teams

We provide team kits and essential equipment for Euxton Girls, a local women's football team, Clitheroe Blackburn Hockey Club and Bamber Bridge Football Club.



The Wildlife Trust for
**Lancashire
Manchester &
North Merseyside**

The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside

As a Gold Corporate member our support helps keep the trust working, doing amazing things for wildlife and wild places in our local area, to put nature into recovery instead of decline.





The Hygiene Bank

We support the Hygiene Bank, a nationwide charity supporting people pulled into hygiene poverty. Their mission is that all people living in the UK will have access to essential hygiene products.



St Catherine's Hospice

Being very local to our site some of our staff have had personal experience with the wonderful support, care and respite that St Catherine's offers both at their site and within the community. This is a charity close to our hearts and we often hold our bake sales, Christmas jumper days and other events in aid of to St Catherine's.

We are looking to further support our community and get involved with many more projects over the coming years.



Biodiversity

Biodiversity loss is well documented. A 2019 report from the Inter-Governmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) showed that biodiversity loss and environmental degradation poses risks to global food security, increases the risk of transmission of zoonotic diseases, and makes coastal areas more vulnerable to floods and storm surges. This research was also reflected in UK report 'The State of Nature' which showed that since 1970s 41% of species within the UK had declined.

At Evans Vanodine we believe that preserving our biodiversity is essential. As well as supporting The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, we aim to positively contribute to biodiversity and have sponsored two beehives in our local area.

We are looking to further this work, not only through partnerships, but by looking at the land on our own site and how we can create green pathways for species and enhance the biodiversity on our site.





Summary

As a family business, the future is important to us in terms of deciding where we want to be and how we will get there. All our projects are designed to reduce our carbon footprint, achieve sustainability goals, and help us maintain our Planet Mark certification.

As our business grows and evolves we continue to acknowledge the impact our actions can have on our local environment, colleagues and community. We must also think further afield, about the environments to which our products travel, how they're being used and how future generations of our business and the planet will be affected by what we do today. We must therefore ensure that we reduce our impact year-on-year.

As a chemical manufacturer we understand the importance of sustainability and helping to protect the environment, whilst continuing to manage a successful business. It is our duty today to do what we can to make sure there is a tomorrow.





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