



Cleveland Cable Company

Environmental Sustainability Report 2022

A low-angle shot looking up into a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the thick canopy of green leaves, creating a bright starburst effect in the upper left quadrant. The tree trunks and branches are visible, creating a complex network of lines against the bright light.

Sustainability:

*‘The use of natural products
and energy in a way that does
not harm the environment.’*

Contents

04	Cleveland Cable Company Statement
05	What is Sustainability?
06	Greenhouse Gas Emissions and our Carbon Footprint
07	Scope for GHG Reporting
08	Our Reporting Assurance – SECR ESOS ISO
10	Scope 1 and 2 Reports
12	Scope 3
13	Waste
14	Sustainable Employment
16	Our Supply Chain
17	Our Policies and Governance - ISO
19	Future Plans – Roadmap to Net Zero
20	Summary



Cleveland Cable Company Statement

We are all on a journey together. As a business, we are aware of our impact upon both the planet as a whole and the local communities we work within. Each day, we face diverse and difficult operational challenges ranging from the sourcing of raw materials to the delivery of customer orders.

We understand the importance of adhering to a sustainable business model without compromising our values, or our commitment to the environment. Working with our supply chain and customers, we strive to ensure that today's actions do not affect our children's future.

We remain vigilant for any opportunity to reduce our carbon emissions, such as our ongoing project to install solar panels across our branch network.



What is Sustainability?

'Sustainability' can have many meanings, but the Oxford English Dictionary defines it simply as:

'The use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment.'

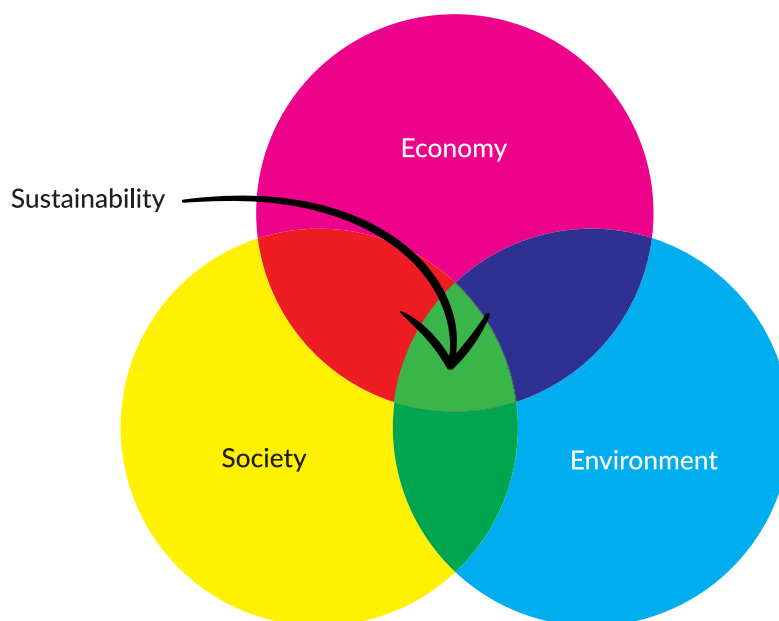
Sustainability can be broken down into three areas, commonly referred to as the 'Three Pillars' - Environment, Economy, and Society.

The term "corporate sustainability" outlines an approach to business that creates sustainable, long-term value for shareholders, employees, consumers, and wider society by pursuing responsible environmental, social, and economic (or governance) strategies.

Environmental Pillar – we are focused on reducing our carbon footprint, packaging waste, water usage, and any other activities which may damage the environment. Alongside helping the planet, these practices can also have a positive financial impact.

Social Pillar – we support our employees and stakeholders by providing a good, safe, enjoyable working environment. Additionally, we support the communities we operate within and a range of local charities.

Economic Pillar – we are constantly looking for new ideas and projects help which ensure our company's future. We provide exceptional service to our customers with the support of our supply chain partners.





Greenhouse Gas Emissions and our Carbon Footprint

Greenhouse gases (also known as GHGs) are gases in the Earth's atmosphere that trap heat.

We are all aware of the impact Greenhouse Gases have on our environment and - in line with the Paris Accords - we are aiming to achieve Net Zero by 2050 or sooner.

Cleveland Cable Company is committed to reducing our carbon footprint wherever possible. Whilst we do not yet operate within a fully circular industry, we are working hard to get to that point ourselves. As such we have signed up to the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting requirements scheme and produce an annual SECR report (available on request). The SECR considers our industry specific KPI's and company objectives, which form part of our annual Integrated management system review.

All company objectives are fully compliant to ISO 14001 SMART targets for continual improvement and are audited annually by UKAS.

Scope for GHG Reporting

Since 2020, we have been working with EIC on SECR accounting for our Scope 1 and Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. There is no requirement within SECR to complete Scope 3, but we are working with our supply chain partners to gather this information.

Greenhouse gases are those which have a global warming potential (GWP). This metric was developed to allow comparison of the global warming impact of different gases. Specifically, it is a measure of how much energy the emission of a single ton of a gas will absorb over a given period, relative to the emissions of a single ton of carbon dioxide (CO2). Our emissions are reported in tCO₂e (tonnes of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent)

SCOPE 1	SCOPE 2	SCOPE 3
Covers emissions from sources that an organisation owns or controls directly – e.g., burning fuel in non-electric fleet vehicles.	Covers emissions that an organisation produces indirectly, such as during the production of any the energy the organisation purchases and uses.	Covers emissions that are not produced by the company itself and are not the result of activities from assets owned or controlled by them, but by those it is indirectly responsible for up and down its value chain. For example, when an organisation buys, uses, and disposes of products from suppliers. Scope 3 emissions include all sources not within the scope 1 and 2 boundaries.

Scope 1 and 2: Total for 2022 is 3927 tCO₂e.
Scope 3: (with the information we have) is 4502 tCO₂e.

Our Reporting Assurance

Cleveland Cable Company is committed to ensuring that our carbon emissions reporting is as accurate as possible. We work with specialists such as EIC who conduct the analysis and reporting to confirm our Carbon Footprint Verification.



This is done via SECR, ESOS (we are currently working towards ESOS 3), and our ISOs. We work with both our supply chain and our customers to use the best practices available.







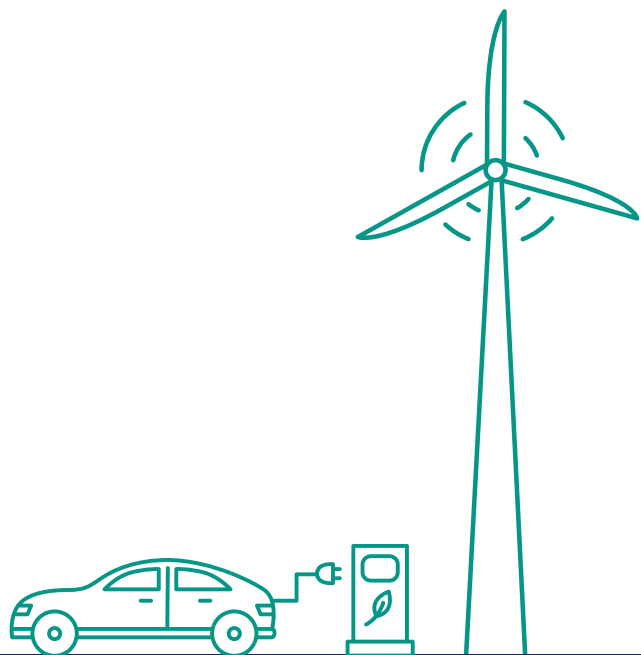
Scope 1 and 2 reports

Overall, our emissions for the period May 2022 to April 2023 were 3927 tCO₂e. This is only a 0.1% increase compared to the same period last year.

Cleveland Cable Company's natural gas emissions follow a clear seasonality trend with lower emissions emitted in summer months compared to the winter period. It is worth noting that the April 2023 consumption has decreased in comparison to March 2023, this is partially attributed to the fact that our Glasgow site is undergoing building works meaning that 0kWh of gas were used during this time. Overall, our natural gas consumption has decreased by 5% compared to the same period in 2021-22.

Despite the decrease in natural gas emissions, our overall Scope 1 emissions (natural gas, direct transport, and LPG) were 3612 tCO₂e, this is a 1% increase in comparison to last year. This is due to an 8% increase in transport consumption. Whereas our Scope 2 emissions (electricity) decreased by 9% from last year to 315 tCO₂e.

Our intensity ratio has been calculated by dividing our overall emissions by the number of cut counts (thousands). The calculated figure for 2022-23 is 6.89, this has decreased by 12% compared to 2021-22 from 7.81 tCO₂e/ cut counts in thousands. This means we are releasing less emissions per cut (in thousands).



Carbon performance

	kWh Energy Consumed YTD				tCO ₂ e Emitted YTD			
	Electricity	Natural Gas	Transport	Total	Scope 1	Scope 2 (LB)	Scope 3	Scope 1&2
2022-2023	1,629,838	780,419	13,675,367	16,885,596	3,612	315	-	3,927
2021-2022	1,630,697	824,703	12,644,046	16,901,198	3,575	346	-	3,921

Intensity ratio performance

	Total tCO ₂ e	Intensity Metric	Intensity Ratio
2022-2023	3,926.74	569.79	6.89
2021-2022	3,920.96	502.12	7.81

Intensity ratio used: tCO₂e/cut counts in



Scope 3

As part of Scope 3, we must examine how many containers each depot receives and from where.

Total		Total Containers Per Branch		Total Trailers Per Branch	
Container	3285	Middlesbrough	1426	Middlesbrough	318
Trailer	447	Glasgow	204	Glasgow	12
		Warrington	123	Warrington	1
		Milton Keynes	328	Milton Keynes	10
		London	627	London	71
		Bristol	255	Bristol	18
		Ireland (Dublin)	322	Ireland (Dublin)	17

By Sea – total of 2963 container to the UK = Total Emission 3378.25 tCO₂ and total of 322 container to Dublin = Total Emission of 390.33 tCO₂.

By Road – total of 447 trailers to the UK = Total Emission 365.44 tCO₂.

Using 10 of our Suppliers for their Scope 1 & 2 total 2550768 tCO₂.



Waste

Cleveland Cable Company aims to achieve zero waste to landfill, alongside an increased use of sustainable and recycled materials. As we are not a manufacturer, we do not carry out any processes which result in waste other than those resulting from normal domestic/office routines. All waste is disposed of in accordance with environmental legislation. These processes are audited throughout the year (as per our audit schedule) to ensure we are compliant.

(1) Office/Warehouse Waste (i.e., paper, packaging etc)

We have a permanent enclosed waste skip on site for general waste, on contract with Veolia and emptied weekly. 99% of this waste is recycled by an RDF and used for fuel block, reducing our waste to landfill as per our environmental objectives. Paper waste is collected and recycled fortnightly by Paper Restore. Plastic and cardboard are baled and collected by Cumbria Waste on a weekly basis.

(2) Wooden Drums & Battens

Cable drums and wooden battens are a perfect example of reusable materials. We offer a free-of-charge collection service on empty cable drums. All returns are reused in future orders and deliveries. Once a drum has reached its maximum shelf life it is broken down and recycled.

Cleveland Cable Company hold a waste transfer licence to transport the wood to UK Wood Recycling (UKWR), who operate a wood recycling facility adjacent to the pioneering Wilton 10 Biomass Power Station (the UK's first purpose-built wood-burning power station). UKWR reduce the amount of wood being sent to landfill by recycling recovered wood to produce a range of products including horse, poultry, and cattle bedding, equestrian surfaces, and wood chip to fuel Wilton 10.

(3) Scrap Cable

All scrap cable is sold to local non-ferrous metal merchants and registered dealers who in turn recycle the cables in question.

Within the past 12 months, as per KPI 6 in our company objectives, Cleveland Cable Company has recycled or diverted from landfill 100% of our waste. Our target for 2023 is to maintain this high standard and not go below 98% for recycling/recovered waste.



Sustainable employment

As a multi-national company, Cleveland Cable Company takes pride in a highly competent workforce sourced from areas local to our branch network. As we experience continued growth and improvement as an organisation, our workforce across all departments has scaled accordingly. We aim to offer not only jobs but long-term careers, making available additional opportunities such as training and development. We continue to advertise future positions geographically, drawing many applicants who were previously unemployed due to the current economic climate.

Across our network of ten branches worldwide, we currently employ a total of 658 staff with many added during the past 12 months due to increases in workload.

Additionally, we use local contractors for any maintenance work or building improvements.





Our Supply Chain

Sustainable Purchasing

Cleveland Cable Company fully recognises and understands its obligations to carry out its business affairs in an ethical manner and has appointed the Managing Director as the person within the organisation who has the overall responsibility for all matters relating to the ethics of the company. Individual departmental managers are responsible for ensuring that the company ethics policy is upheld on a day-to-day basis across all areas of business, which includes the responsible and ethical sourcing of goods. The Purchasing Manager ensures that all cable materials and associated items are compliant to the highest ethical standards. The evaluation and approval of suppliers and sub-contractors is the responsibility of the Purchasing Manager/Senior Buyer and the group QSHE Manager. Our products conform across a wide range of ethical issues covering compliance, recycling, carbon footprint, and embodied carbon. This is in accordance with our annual objectives and stated community benefits.

Diverse and Inclusive Supply Chains

Cleveland Cable Company has a diverse and inclusive supply chain policy, ensuring that diverse suppliers are included in the early tendering stage. We negotiate with diverse suppliers and constantly develop our supplier management integration processes and metrics to ensure successful and sustainable inclusion. Where possible, we deal with local suppliers and local service providers.

Ethical & Labour Standards

Cleveland Cable Company promotes and sustains good labour standards both within our own company and throughout our supply chain. We have established and continue to maintain our credibility as a purchaser of fair and ethically sourced goods and services. All suppliers are regularly audited to ensure we are still meeting the requirement of the Ethical Trading Code. Our own workforce respects the rights and equal treatment of all staff regardless of age, gender, skin colour or religion and are aware that unethical treatment will not be tolerated.

Conflict Minerals

On January 1st 2021, a new law came into full force across the EU - the Conflict Minerals Regulation (EU) No. 2017/821 - which aims to control the trade in tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold (3TG). The regulation requires all importers to the EU of any of these four elements in quantities of over 1000kg per year to register their company and undertake due diligence on their supply chain in line with the OECD's Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. The reporting is carried out by the annual completion of the Conflict Minerals reporting template, which is then to be shared between relevant stakeholders in the business.

It is estimated that the regulation applies directly to between 600 and 1,000 EU importers and will indirectly affect about 500 smelters and refiners of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold, whether they are based inside the EU or not. It is an on-going, proactive, and reactive process through which companies put in place systems and processes to make sure they are able to identify, manage, and report on risks in their supply chain.

Companies buying 3TG minerals must check that what they buy is sourced responsibly and does not contribute to conflict or other related illegal activities. Companies continuously assess the likelihood that raw materials in their supply chains could be financing conflict, forced labour, or other risks set out in the regulation. By checking their supply chains, they can then make sure that they manage those risks responsibly.

Under the UK withdrawal from the EU agreement, and to avoid a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, the regulations are effective, and any company importing 3TG into Northern Ireland must comply with the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation in full. In the rest of the UK this

legislation has not been retained and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation is not enforceable. However due to our European and worldwide trade, Cleveland Cable Company are adhering to the voluntarily compliance to the OECD guidance. We annually produce the latest version of the CMRT Template in line with the Conflict Minerals regulations which is published to our website and is available on request.

Challenges to our Suppliers

National, European, and international cable standards state the use of 'Virgin Materials'. This means that there is no option to use recycled copper or aluminium or any insulation or sheathing polymers within the manufacturing of the cable to ensure that the product is compliant.

The logistics industry's primary challenge within Scope 1, 2, and 3 arises from the fact that vehicle exhausts comprise one of the largest sources of harmful emissions. Opportunities to replace traditional fleets with electric vehicles are limited due to the restricted ranges available with current EV technology.



Our Policies and Governance

Like all businesses, we strive to maintain best practice with ongoing guidance and support from advisors. This includes all polices linked to our Integral Management Systems (ISO 9001, 14001 and 45001).

All our polices are published on our website or available upon request. Below are policies linked to our sustainability approach:

- **Quality Policy**
- **Environmental Policy**
- **Occupational Health & Safety Policy**
- **Ethical Policy**
- **Modern Slavery Policy**
- **Equal Opportunities Policy**
- **Anti-Bribery Policy**

All policies are regularly reviewed by our Managing Director to ensure our continuous compliance and improvement as a company.



Future Plans - Roadmap to Net Zero

Cleveland Cable Company aims to be fully compliant with the UK government goal of achieving net zero by 2050. We have spent the last 2 years receiving specialist consultation on this matter; though we have just started on our sustainability journey, believe this is achievable in advance of the target date of 31st December 2049.

We already recycle over 98% of waste products created and aim to improve upon this annually. We have provided for major investment across all sites to reduce carbon and carbon equivalent usage, aiming to be carbon neutral across our warehouse facilities.

In the last 12 months we have installed solar panels at our Head Office in Middlesbrough. We are currently undergoing DNO Approval for an equivalent installation at our London branch.

This process will continue, aiming for future PV installations at remaining branches within the next couple of years.

Our fleet operations are under constant review, with a recent rollout of four electric vans setting a precedent for future use of EVs.

Summary

As a company, we are examining all aspects of our daily working processes to ensure that we are a Sustainable Company. We believe this process is essential for the future of our employees, suppliers, and customers. We are committed to controlling and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions to help safeguard the future of our planet.

For further information please contact:

Jason Hodgkinson
Group QHSE Manager
Cleveland Cable Company Ltd
Riverside Park Road
Middlesbrough
TS2 1QW

Jhodgkinson@clevelandcable.com



Cleveland Cable Company Ltd
Riverside Park Road
Middlesbrough
TS2 1QW

