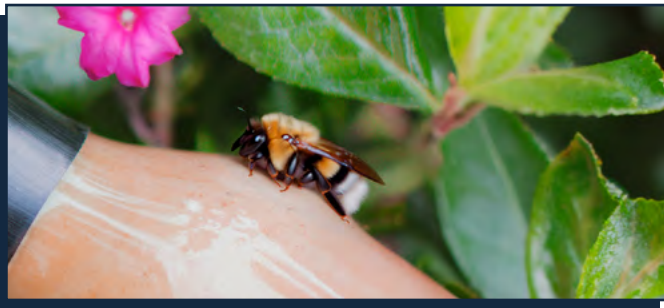


Welcome back to Viscose Voice, for all your Viscose news on what's happening in our factory, what our colleagues are up to and how we are doing as a business!

This month's focus is our solar panel project, World Bee Day and staff celebrations including the King's Coronation afternoon tea so keep reading to find out more.

WORLD BEE DAY:



On the 22nd of May (the Monday after the official date) we celebrated World Bee Day.

We had a lot of fun transforming some of our concrete car park at Viscose HQ with planters and flowers particularly liked by bees, in order to support the bee population.



22nd May



22nd June

Here's our lovely colleague Kitti planting the seeds ready for the bees on the 22nd of May and here's how they look now just one month later. We will continue planting these flowers in other sections of our site, attracting more wildlife and making it prettier for us too!

SOLAR PANELS UPDATE:

As briefly mentioned in April's edition of Viscose Voice, we're taking a big step forward with our investment in renewable energy.

Last week, we began the first phase of the installation of our new SolarEdge Optimisation panel system. This project will be managed by a local Welsh company - EV Wales Ltd. We're fitting a 250 panel, 100KW system- which is estimated to generate 80,000 kWh per annum and this is just the beginning. Once the system is up and running, the clever optimiser technology will tell us how many more panels we need to install to have a fully optimised system. We're committed to becoming greener and one of the best ways to achieve this is to keep investing in clean, renewable energy - better for us and better for our planet.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY:

June like May brought another day of international celebration. The 5th of June was World Environment Day.

This year's theme was '#beatplasticpollution'. Our self-shrinking Viskring bands have prevented 32 tonnes worth of plastic from being produced in the last year. Every year our business prevents this amount of plastic from going out into the world, and for us this is one of our proudest achievements. We understand we still have a long way to go to turn off the plastic tap but we're really happy to be taking these steps in the right direction.

In light of this, we completed our first ever customer case study in June with the team at Sauce Shop. Sauce Shop are an environmentally conscious producer and one of their main sustainability initiatives has been the removal of single-use plastic throughout their business. Our Viskrings were the perfect choice for Sauce Shop to seal their bottles. Since 2020 we have supplied them with just under 3 million bands which equates to 1,562 kgs worth of plastic, demonstrating the effectiveness of the bands in reducing plastic waste- another proud moment for our business to date.



KING'S CORONATION TEA:



Some of the team at our afternoon tea

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III we held an afternoon tea for our hard working and dedicated team in early May.

We enjoyed a variety of cakes and refreshments as well as a few debates on the correct way to pronounce scones! It really was the perfect opportunity for a cup of tea and a natter, we all thoroughly enjoyed.

JUNE'S STAFF EVENT:



High Scorer's Matthew S & Matthew T

In June we held our summer event- bowling and buffet.

A fun evening enjoyed by all with a bit of friendly competition thrown in! The tension was palpable amongst the 4 teams and the ultimate winners were our Matthew's pictured above. They received a trophy & gift card each as well as major bragging rights over the rest of the team!

LONG SERVICE AWARDS:

Our dedicated and wonderful staff are key to keeping our business going.

June saw some significant work anniversaries and we felt these incredible achievements needed to be highlighted:



John Hall
(35 years)



Rob Rodenburg
(20 years)



Matthew Thomas
(15 years)

Not pictured- Martin Fall who achieved 25 years' service.
Added together this is 95 years' worth of service to our business and we're very grateful for it!

VISCOSE IN THE PRESS:

Our Marketing Team have been very busy building our network and shouting about all the good things we are doing.

We were featured in Packaging News' May edition and Sussex Chamber of Commerce monthly magazine: Business Edge's June edition. These features covered our products and our recent investments in green energy and our factory.

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NEXT EDITION

Look out for our August edition for another update on our exciting solar panel project, the launch of our new website and much much more!

