

Doing the right thing...

On Distribution

Our distribution centre is located just two miles outside of Southwold. It's right at the heart of how we get our beers and spirits from us to you.

Built in a former gravel pit, our 4400m² Distribution Centre can certainly lay claim to being one of "Britain's greenest warehouses"; being the first industrial building to receive an "Excellent" rating under the BREEAM¹ scheme.

Did you know?

The building is home to many green architectural and technological wonders, including 60m Glulam wood beams from sustainable sources, solar thermal water heaters, light movement sensors and walls made from over 90,000 local hemp and lime bricks. These bricks provide excellent mechanical, insulating and environmental qualities and have locked in the equivalent of over 100 tonnes of CO₂e-. When added to the carbon saved from the alternative concrete blocks, using Hemp bricks saved over 600 tonnes CO₂e- being released to the atmosphere.



Adnams Eco-Distribution Centre

The distribution centre also hosts one of Britain's biggest sedum 'green' roofs, at 0.6 hectares. It provides a rainwater harvesting system seeing us with water to flush our 'low flush' toilets and wash our distribution fleet of lorries. In addition it enhances biodiversity by providing habitats for flora and fauna (including our own hives of honey bees) whilst improving the buildings insulation capabilities. The combination of the hemp walls, the sedum roof, passive ventilation and clever loading/unloading patterns ensure the building is naturally kept warm in the winter and cool in the summer, removing the need for any artificial cooling or heating. This ultimately sees substantial cost and energy savings.

The site has several natural and environmental advantages for the town of Southwold.

- It has significantly reduced journey miles for Adnams employees and delivery vehicles
- It has seen a reduction of approximately 60 heavy goods vehicle movements and 20 van deliveries a day in to and out of Southwold, along with a reduction of approximately 60 employee cars entering, leaving and parking in the town.
- It has eliminated noise, nocturnal light and other disturbance to our neighbours.
- It has provided the opportunity to redevelop the previous distribution site in Southwold in ways that greatly enhance the texture of the town.

Through minimal environmental impact mixed with maximum operational efficiency, our distribution centre ensures Adnams remain at the forefront the of the Environmental agenda!

¹Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method