

## SHCA Europe - Continuing to Reduce our Carbon Footprint

As part of our corporate social responsibility policy, SHCA in Europe has been working hard to reduce energy and waste that we use as a business.

We instituted an independent audit by the Carbon Trust, who advised on a number of energy and waste saving measures. From this a series of targets and related activities was set.

### Energy and carbon footprint

Between 2006 and 2009 we reduced energy use and carbon generation by over 50% by:

- Replacing the heating/cooling system – it also provides much greater user control over comfort conditions
- Introducing video conferencing between our offices, resulting in a 50% reduction in inter-office travel.

These measures exceeded the targets we set ourselves.

For 2010 we have signed up to the 10:10 initiative, committing to reduce our carbon footprint by a further 10% during 2010. This will be achieved by careful management of systems and further reductions in travel. We have introduced a monitoring system to allow us to compare energy use with previous years and to monitor peaks in loads so that we can work to reduce them.

Beyond this we will be looking at further measures including improved insulation.

### Waste

We have also made major reductions in waste generation by the office. Since 2006:

- A new bin system was introduced and 80% of our waste is now recycled (up from about 20%). By recycling we have reduced the volume sent to landfill from 40 containers to 5 per month.
- A compactor has been introduced to further reduce volumes sent for recycling.
- SHCA have also persuaded other tenants in the building to use the same system.
- Paper towels have been replaced by Dyson air blade hand driers.