



## Environmental and Sustainability Statement April 2022 (updated)

*“We are at a unique stage in our history. Never have we had such an awareness of what we are doing to the planet, and never have we had the power to do something about that. Surely, we all have a responsibility to care for our Blue Planet. The future of humanity and indeed, all life on earth, now depends on us.” Sir David Attenborough*

Aquarelle Publishing is fully committed to respecting and preserving the environment for future generations. We ensure that all our raw materials, product components and despatch packaging are ethically sourced. We strive to use, wherever possible, FSC<sup>1</sup> or PEFC<sup>2</sup> Chain of Custody certified paper and wood-based products, or components made from recycled material or virgin 100% renewable sources. All elements of our product, including product packaging and despatch packaging is 100% recyclable and/or biodegradable. We endeavour to reuse any packaging received from our suppliers as void filling in our despatch boxes. Any plastics used for wrapping our products are made in the UK from recyclable polypropylene.

Aquarelle Publishing endeavours to source all its raw materials from UK manufacturers, except for picture frame mouldings which are manufactured within the EU.

Any residual waste is collected by carbon neutral collection vehicles, for zero waste-to-landfill recycling at a state-of-the-art recycling plant in Warwickshire, one of the most advanced recycling facilities in Europe<sup>3</sup>.

Moving forward, Aquarelle Publishing plans to phase in the use of 100 % biodegradable cellulose based ‘plastics’ to replace polypropylenes, continue to replace light fittings with LED alternatives and to sign up to a 100% renewable energy supplier.

The directors of Aquarelle Publishing are founding Trustees of Peel Bank Woodland and Conservation Trust (Registered Charity No: 1186214) an environmental charity established in 1983 in the Ribble Valley, Lancashire. The aim of the charity is to plant trees, provide havens for natural wildlife and is an educational resource for the areas in which it operates. The charity is currently in a transition period as we prepare to donate all our land holdings of more than 40 acres and cash assets to The Woodland Trust. The land currently used for grazing will be developed by The Woodland Trust and planted with over 7,500 native trees and nearly 3000 shrubs, to extend the current planting and create a substantial woodland for the benefit of the local community and environment. They will be continuing our education involvement by working with local schools during the planting process. <https://www.peelbankwoodlandtrust.org/> <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

All environmental and sustainability information on all our components is available by emailing a request to: [laura@aquarellepublishing.co.uk](mailto:laura@aquarellepublishing.co.uk)

<sup>1</sup> Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a global not-for-profit organization that sets the standards for what is a responsibly managed forest, both environmentally and socially. <https://ic.fsc.org/en/what-is-fsc>

<sup>2</sup> The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is an international non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) through independent third-party certification. <https://pefc.org/about-pefc/who-we-are>

<sup>3</sup> <https://fortressrecycling.com/why-recycle/>