



## Environmental and Sustainability Statement January 2021

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. All plastics used for wrapping our products are made in the UK from recyclable polypropylene.

Aquarelle Publishing endeavours to source all their raw materials from UK manufacturers, with the exception of 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 Trustees of Peel Bank Woodland and Conservation Trust, an environmental charity established in 1983. The aims of the charity is to plant trees, provide havens for natural wildlife and is an educational resource for the areas in which it operates.

[www.peelbankurbanwoodlandtrust.org](http://www.peelbankurbanwoodlandtrust.org)

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/>