

SUSTAINABILITY

...IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Charlotte Stiffell is dedicated to running a conscientious, environmentally, respectful and sustainable business so you can be assured that not only will your team look great but feel great at the same time.

We have now invested heavily in 3D technology to reduce our sampling waste and our 3D tailor measuring service will enable us to reduce our traveling times so improving our carbon footprint.



We are proud to proclaim that all of our fabrics used when manufacturing our garments have been certified according to STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®. This test is performed uniformly around the world by the self-governing OEKO-TEX® institute and ensures that there are no harmful substances added during any steps of the textile process, from thread to fabric production.



www.oeko-tex.com/step

Steps by OEKO-TEX® has become a vital certification in our supply chain. This ensures that fabric mills run in safe, transparent, environmentally respectful manner, specifically showing excellent levels of compliance in the following 6 areas: chemical management; environmental performance; environmental management; social responsibility; quality management; and health protection & safety at work. We are proud to have already 2 of our certifications to qualify for “Step Accreditation”, we are now on course to achieve step accreditation for the 4 remaining.



We have an affirmative commitment to the ETI Base Code that helps us to guarantee that the garments we manufacture on the premises have not been produced at the expense of the employees within the UK or our global supply chains. We ensure that all elements of our supply chain strictly follow the ETI Base Codes which encompass a breath of international labour rights, such as working hours, health and safety, freedom of association and wages.



We work closely with Sedex®, who are one of the world’s leading ethical service providers, to continuously better manage and improve our ethical performance across our global supply chain. This includes working together to improve working conditions, drive responsible sourcing improvements and implement measures to protect the environment. Our frequent factory audits ensure that all the areas above are adhered to at all times.



Very Durable - Martindale
Test > 80,000 rubs

All our fabrics are designed and tested both in the laboratory and in real life environments. This is your guarantee that your corporate clothing will perform in today’s demanding workplace, that will offer longevity of life and continue to look great long after your roll out.



NANO PROTECTED
FABRICS®

We now have certain collections that benefit from Teflon or Nano-Protection technology. Not only do these repel water and other liquids but also add durability to each of our garments, they also offer longer lasting protection from dust, dirt, stains and other damaging particles. This means that our collections will need to be washed less often, using less energy and water during the garment’s life cycle.



A large majority from our collections are now “machine washable” – which saves time for team members, money and more importantly the planet, as machine wash ability means that there’s no need to have garments or suits dry cleaned.



45 Recycled bottles
per suit

The launch of our new styles in certain collections, see’s us use recycled polyester in our fabric blend. This move, which will continue throughout those and other collections that we intend to introduce in the not too distant future. This process uses up to 45 bottles for our suits, in turn saving additional landfill. We see this as a significant step and a major part of our sustainability commitment moving forward.



We are dedicated to running a sustainable business on every level. recent achievements at our studio & head office include:



Upgrade of our lighting to low voltage LED Bulbs.

- Upgrade of our vehicles to fully Electric or Hybrid.
- Implementation of plastic, metal and general waste recycling programs.
- A minimum of 70% of our cardboard (and up to 100% in some cases) used in our shipping department are made from recycled material.
- The suit holders and protective packaging on our hanging garments, shirts and tops are made from recycled material that can be recycled after use.
- Every hanger that we used within our finishing department are made from recycled material

Further information concerning our CSR & Environmental Policies can be found at:

www.charlottestiffell.com

Supportive Information:

www.ethicaltrade.org

www.sedexglobal.com