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Our History



First established in 1970, **Severn Valley Woodworks Limited** is today recognised as one of the leading suppliers of quality timber and timber products.

Beginning life as a small coffin manufacturer, SVW moved into pallet making with **Heinz** as its main customer. This business continued to grow developing into supplying pallets, packaging cases and timbers to blue chip manufacturers including **IBM, Hewlett Packard, Fuji** and the **Ministry of Defence**. As these companies moved their businesses away from the UK a decision was made to reduce dependency on the packaging industry.



Severn Valley Woodworks was approached by **British Coal** to supply hardwood timber dowels and plywood pads. This grew into a multi-million pound business which unfortunately came to an abrupt end with the miners strike in the mid eighties.

Around the same time SVW manufactured its first grain floor for its then customer, **Challow Agricultural Products**. Two years later it had bought the company. This acquisition brought crop storage floors, agricultural buildings, cubicle housing and golf driving ranges to the SVW portfolio.

After the acquisition of Challow, a competitor in the crop storage sector approached the company to become their manufacturer, SVW still manufacture for them to this day.

In the early 1990's SVW were approached by **Permacrib** to supply components for earth retaining systems.



This has grown into a massive part of the SVW business, taking over the supply originally from New Zealand.

In 1999, SVW acquired **Lingward**, a competitor in the crop storage sector. Today SVW are by far the largest supplier of crop storage systems, manufacturing in excess of 70% of the current market demand.

In 2003 SVW acquired **Hutton Garden Products** with its range of oak barrels, bird tables, planters and reconditioned plastics and has since expanded the range to include a wide selection of British manufactured garden furniture.

Severn Valley moved to its current seven hectare site at Northwood Green in 2000. This move has enabled the rapid expansion of the business over the last five years.

At the end of 2007 a further manufacturing site was established in Lydney.

From humble beginnings SVW has grown in to a sizeable operation, manufacturing and supplying the most diverse of product ranges.

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