



severn valley  
woodworks

## SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

### Introduction

Severn Valley Woodworks Limited was established in 1970 and is today recognised as one of the leading suppliers of quality timber and timber products to the UK and Europe.

### Organisation

As a family owned timber manufacturing business we manufacture products for Agriculture, Leisure and Industry. Severn Valley Woodworks not only sells in its own name, but in addition to this has three wholly incorporated trading divisions under which it also sells –

Hutton Garden Products, [Challow Agricultural Products](#) and [Lingward](#).

All are extremely strong brands, instantly recognisable within their sectors.

We have two manufacturing sites within Gloucestershire and employ seventy + permanent staff. Our annual turnover is £17 million.

### Responsibilities for the policy

- The board of directors have overall responsibility for ensuring we comply with any legal and ethical obligations.

### Our Policies on Slavery & human trafficking

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in any part of the business and in so far as is possible to requiring our suppliers hold similar ethos.

### We Will

- Comply with Legislation and regulatory requirements
- Make suppliers aware that we promote the requirements of the legislation
- Consider modern slavery factors when making procurement decisions

### Supply chain Due Diligence

Our procurement activities take place in England; and our suppliers are predominately UK and EU based. We have taken steps to ensure that all the timber supplied is in accordance with UK Timber regulations and have a documented Due Diligence System for timber procurement. Nearly all of the timber that we buy is FSC or PEFC certified,

however in all cases it is UKTR compliant. FSC and PEFC standard certification schemes support international conventions to eliminate all forms of forced or compulsory labour, the abolition of child labour and the elimination in respect of employment and occupation. We are audited by an external body as FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody Certificate holders on an annual basis.

### **Training**

Procurement staff will undertake awareness training where possible. They will not award contracts where suppliers do not demonstrate their commitment to ensuring that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place in their own business or supply chains.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31st October 2022.

**Signature:**



**Simon JP Brown**

**Position:** Managing Director

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