

Our Sustainable Journey



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About Fews

Fews are a leading provider of marquees, temporary buildings, and structures in the UK.

We are proud to provide efficient structures in every sector whether it's a major event, temporary classroom or film location structure.

Backed up by a team of experienced project managers, site managers, foremen and installation crews, the business has a unique approach to temporary buildings solutions.

Focussing on:

- ◆ Sustainability
- ◆ Health and safety
- ◆ Fast Installation
- ◆ Impeccable service

“We focus on quality and aim to be the very best”



Ian Few
Managing Director



An unrivalled level of service

Expert advice

Our service starts the moment the conversation with you starts.

We listen carefully to your requirements and concerns. We can then apply our experience and expertise to offer the right solution from our extensive range of products and accessories.

We provide high quality solutions to the most complex of problems including building in tight spaces, specific insulation needs, ground fixings and access. Site visits are free and without obligation.



Matt Porter
Head of Sales

Few offer a methodical and comprehensive approach to the service we offer our clients.

Turnkey solutions

We are experts in the temporary structures industry, and we can offer full turnkey solutions for a variety of applications.

Beyond the structure, we can include:

- ◆ Lighting, heating, air conditioning
- ◆ Power distribution
- ◆ Professional end-to-end management

Just pick up the key. That's it!

Health & safety

Our teams work to provide a seamless and safe working environment for everyone.

- ◆ We deliver using our own fleet of vehicles
- ◆ Well-trained rigging crews
- ◆ Extensive accreditations
- ◆ Commitment to staff, client and public welfare
- ◆ Method statements for different structure types
- ◆ Risk assessments for hazardous activities
- ◆ Documented inspection of our equipment

You can be sure that our tried and tested systems can be relied upon.



Nick Gray
Health & Safety Officer

Project management

Few have a team of project managers ready to take you through every stage of the process. From the initial enquiry to handover, a single point of contact will ensure that every detail is given the attention it deserves.

- ◆ Experienced experts in the field
- ◆ Dedicated to each project
- ◆ Detailed management
- ◆ Professional and prompt handover



Barney Jones
Senior Project Manager



Sam Felts
Project Manager



Harry Saunders
Project Manager



Brad Edwards
Project Manager



Matt Gee
Operations Manager





6 points of sustainability

Few are committed to environmental sustainability, and it forms part of our long-term planning.

Wherever possible we look for ways to adopt sustainable working practices. We generate our own power through Biomass and Solar, invest in the latest efficient vehicles and machinery, and recycle carpets and other goods consumed in the process of running the business.

We divide our approach into six key areas and ensure that each is maintained and reviewed.

- ◆ Biomass Heat Generation
- ◆ Solar Powered Energy Generation
- ◆ Energy Efficient Structures
- ◆ Sustainable Processes
- ◆ Vehicle Fleet
- ◆ Recycling

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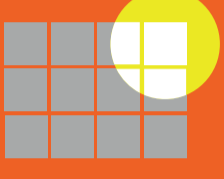
2024

- Replacement of lorries with new, more efficient models
- 301 Kw/hr upgrade to solar panel capacity
- MK 2 PVC cleaning machine for greater efficiency
- New orangery structure with double glazing for insulation
- EV charging points for company vehicles




2023

- Working towards NET ZERO accreditation
- 2 Euro 6 tractor units with efficient Turbo Compound engines
- Use of HVO for Moffetts and generators
- Investment in battery technology to store solar generated power.
- Vehicle fleet renewal new 4x4's and vans



2022

- New efficient PVC cleaning machine developed in conjunction with manufacturer powered by biomass
- 4 new Eco Trailers
- 4 New Moffett trucks
- Began carbon reporting



2020

Converted to 100% Renewable Energy Supply

Our energy supplier, EDF, helped us to switch to a 100% renewable deal which further reduced our overall carbon footprints.

All lighting switched to LED



2021

Became Worcestershire NET ZERO leader



2018

Achieved ISO 14001 Accreditation

ISO14001 accreditation was a natural progression for the business, providing a management framework to measure and improve our environmental impact through:

- Process management
- Aligning with our clients and suppliers
- Focussing on our sustainability targets

£420K INVESTMENT



Founded wood-chipping business to provide sustainable fuel for biomass

This was a considerable investment to make our businesses as sustainable as possible including:

- New tractors & trailers
- Chipping machines
- Storage areas
- Recruiting an in-house team to source local wood (ave 6 mile radius) that cannot be used for other purposes



2015

300K investment in Solar Panels

In 2015 we further extended our commitment to the environment by introducing solar power with an investment of over £300k.

- Panels fitted to the roof of the office and warehouse buildings
- Generating on average 2400kw/hr per week providing all the businesses electricity
- Surplus returned to the grid

Fews are currently developing a system where solar panels can be installed on longer-term hire structures to produce efficient energy.


2016

Further investment in Biomass Boilers

Through further investment our Biomass boilers were upgraded to stay in line with expansion of the Fews businesses.

In addition, we installed a drying floor to enhance our fuel-sourcing process.

£1.2M INVESTMENT



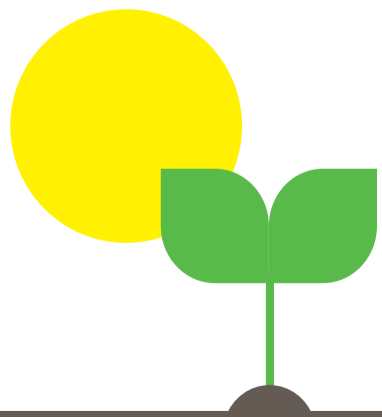
2012

250K investment in Biomass heating

Fews invested in an efficient, comprehensive biomass system to utilise a near carbon-neutral energy source. We use locally sourced wood that cannot be used for other purposes.

This system provided energy for:

- Full heating system and hot water for office and warehouses
- Power for PVC Cleaning Process
- Cleaning, drying, and preparing linings
- Keeping stock dry through the winter





Biomass Heat Generation

A Continual Investment in Biomass

Fewer invested in emerging biomass technology in 2005 which proved to be a great success. In the last 11 years we have invested over £1 million in an efficient, comprehensive biomass system to fuel our warehouse and offices, including the supply of heating and hot water.

Burning biomass is as near to carbon-neutral as any energy source, with flammable plant matter being burned to release energy in the form of heat and power.

Woodchip from sustainable sources

Fewer utilises its own wood-chipping service to produce biomass woodchip from sustainable sources through brush removal and site clearance. We are the “wombles” of the industry and only collect within a six mile radius of our head office. Once prepared on our drying floor it is used as fuel for the biomass boilers. This helps to make our operation as sustainable and efficient as possible.

Sustainable Cleaning

In order to make our PVC cleaning more efficient and sustainable, we used our expertise and experience to develop a high-speed, sustainable PVC cleaning machine. Unique in the industry, this is the only continual washing and drying machine currently available.

Reduced Energy Consumption & Use of Materials

We clean a huge amount of PVC throughout the year and this innovation helps us to significantly reduce energy consumption, volume of cleaning materials, and turnover of water.

What This Means

Utilising this renewable fuel source means we avoid using 2,500 litres of diesel fuel per week.

CO₂ avoided = 327,600 kgs p/a*



Solar Powered Energy Generation

A commitment to solar power

In 2015 we further extended our commitment to the environment by introducing solar power with an investment of over £300k.

Panels were fitted to the roof of the office and warehouse buildings to generate on average 2400kw/hr per week proving all the businesses electricity and returning surplus to the grid.

Solar Storage Technology

The next step here will be to install batteries on site and be "off-grid" when we feel that the technology is robust enough.

Further investment

In 2023 we invested another £155k in new panels to increase our capacity.

What does this mean in reality

Through the use of an App, we can monitor exactly how much electricity we are generating, and can see what we are delivering back to the grid during summer months.

Using solar power helps us to avoid this level of CO₂

Power generated = 355 kW/h

CO₂ avoided = 71,000 kgs p/a





Energy Efficient Structures

In 2012, the company invested in our Premium range of German-manufactured clear-span aluminium structures.

These systems provide the latest in temporary structure design which allows us to provide a degree of innovation where the control of heat loss is enhanced, construction and dismantling is made simpler and new components are far more highly engineered.

Thermal capacity was vastly improved by a complete seal between walls and roof and the consequent high levels of insulation delivers much more efficient heating, reducing cost and environmental impact.

Heating this type of structure reduces fuel use by 20% vs standard sliding leg design.

Long term hire

We are also able to provide solar panels on long-term hire temporary buildings to provide an efficient additional power source.

The buildings we supply can be specified with:

- ◆ **Highly insulated walls,**
- ◆ **Twin skin PVC thermo roofs**
- ◆ **insulated flooring**

These additions can vastly reduce the amount of energy required to heat or cool the structure.





Sustainable Processes

The Core of Our Sustainability

The core of sustainability is looking after your existing assets and products you use to extend life and remove the need for premature replacement.

Our sustainable processes are aimed at extending the life of our marquee frames, doors, walls, PVC and linings.

All our PVC and linings are washed before and after use to provide the best quality products to our customers. This also allows us to store clean, dry kit which is then stored in our box system to prevent mould and extend life.

Our marquee frames, doors and solid walls are all stored in bespoke frames to maintain excellent condition and extend life.





Vehicle Fleet

Fews invests heavily in its vehicle fleet, ensuring vehicles are reliable, well serviced and with the latest levels of fuel efficiency. Control over this important element of our business ensures we can provide our high levels of service at the lowest environmental cost.

Having invested in our own fleet of vehicles, we are able to control servicing, tyre pressures and route planning to ensure the most efficient use.

Above is one of our new Volvo FH500 Trucks with its trailer. All nicely liveried and ready to roll. Fitted with a Euro 6 diesel engine, this has been specified to provide the most fuel-efficient service possible. All in line with Fews' sustainable approach to business.

EV Charging Points

We have now installed five charging points for the Electric Vehicles in our fleet. This was funded by the UK Government and supported by Levelling Up and Wychavon District Council.





Recycling

General Recycling

Recycling takes three forms at Fews:

PVC

We keep our PVC in excellent condition, and resell it once it falls below our standards. If any PVC is rendered unusable we convert it into storage bags for other items.

Carpets

Events and weddings usually require carpets and we use an approved recycling scheme which is certificated at the end of each year.

General Waste

All Fews' general waste is collected, sorted and recycled by a local specialist minimising what is sent to landfill.

Approximately 92% of the waste collected from our facilities is recycled.





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