

GURIT'S NET ZERO JOURNEY

From the early 'small steps' to making sustainability front and centre - Gurit's approach to helping the planet has taken significant strides.

In the latest of our Mission Zero case studies, we head to Gurit's Newport site to see how the manufacturer is driving sustainability.

Gurit's journey towards Net Zero began around three years ago with a series of energy-saving measures, such as replacing the lighting at its Newport site with LED alternatives and using more efficient boilers.

Those projects brought benefits for both the environment and the business, and have led Gurit to making sustainability a natural part of its daily operations.

"Embedding sustainability in our working practices through awareness raising, such as the Carbon Literacy Project, enables us to recognise initiatives at all levels of the business that can deliver this value," said Amy.

"We understand sustainability is not a 'nice to have' for business, it can provide real value for employees and customers, as well as significantly reduce operational costs."

More than 110 people are based at Gurit's St Cross Business Park site, which houses a factory manufacturing specialist resins and adhesives. Test labs, a huge warehouse and office space are also accommodated.

James Daws,
Gurit Site Manager
and Mission Zero Hub
committee member

Amy Moram,
Gurit Sustainable
Products Lead



INVOLVING THE TEAM

Efforts to engage the workforce have seen a shift in how the team approaches sustainability, with a collective focus placed on exploring new ways of working. Gurit's new gravity conveyors, and its collaboration with suppliers to recycle more packaging, are just two examples.

"Initially, we focused on specific projects, but learned that involving everyone is key to making real progress," said James.

"By considering sustainability in our daily tasks, projects and conversations with suppliers, it becomes a natural part of how we work day-to-day."

In addition to larger projects, emphasis has also been placed on the small changes that make a difference.

Gurit's 'Green Team' helps to empower the workforce with an interest in biodiversity to implement improvements. Composting, a new red squirrel run and log piles to encourage flora and fauna are all initiatives developed in the green space outside the Newport site.

Staff have been upskilled in carbon literacy training, giving them the tools and knowledge to build into everyone's day-to-day, while engaging in the community has been another positive step, with Gurit employees taking part in activities like litter picks and Himalayan Balsam picking.

"Engaging with the local community is essential to our sustainability efforts. Collaborating on collective initiatives like litter picks and habitat restoration strengthens our connection to the area and reinforces our commitment to shared responsibility for the environment," said James.



From left, members of Gurit's 'Green Team', Kate Gosden, Giulia Sartori and Sharon Pragnell

"We are delighted to be sharing some of the steps Gurit has taken towards taking greater responsibility for our environment. Working more sustainably has taken time and commitment but it has brought considerable benefits to our business, our staff, and of course, helps to protect our planet. As we continue our journey to embed sustainability into our day-to-day work, we hope our story helps to inspire other Island businesses to join us."

James Daws and Amy Moram



Gurit's Darren Eagles enhancing the process flow for material transfer within a production cell using gravity fed roller systems

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