



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY


Using only the best farming and food hygiene techniques, Vitacress is dedicated to the sustainable production, processing and distribution of high quality fresh produce.


Vitacress complies fully with legislation and recognised industry standards and manages its operations so as to avoid, reduce and control pollution.


Vitacress is committed to the continual improvement of its environmental performance and has identified seven key areas upon which to focus:


 **Energy** - The Company is committed to minimise its consumption of non-renewable energy sources. It is aware of the environmental impacts of its transport operations, both by road and air, and seeks ways to reduce them wherever practical.


 **Water** - The Company minimises its consumptive use of water and takes all practical steps to ensure its activities avoid any negative impact on aquatic and other environments.

 **Waste** - The Company works to minimise the wastes it generates and their impacts by seeking opportunities to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover otherwise redundant resources.

 **Crop Protection** - The Company employs pesticides only when essential to the continuity and quality of production.

 **Soil** - The Company manages the soils it farms so as to maintain and enhance their ability to support plant growth through fertility building, rotation and the minimum use of fertiliser necessary to grow quality crops.

 **Biodiversity** - The Company is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity on and around its operations.

 **Local Community** - The Company is committed to conduct its business in sympathy with its neighbours' rights to the enjoyment of their local environment.

Vitacress operates an Environmental Management System that meets the requirements of the ISO 14001:2004 standard.

Vitacress communicates and implements its Environmental Policy throughout the Company through publication on noticeboards, staff induction and training and makes it available to all stakeholders through its website.

Vitacress reviews its Environmental Policy and supporting objectives and targets on a regular basis to ensure that these remain in line with its core activities.

**N J S Stenning, CEO**

