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Great Success for Ecomerchant' Showroom Opening and Eco-Build Exhibition

Great response to Sustainable Construction Exhibition

Following a significant period of renovation and improvement, Ecomerchant were pleased at the success of their exhibition on Eco-building. Held on the 28th September to celebrate their new improved showroom it brought manufacturers from all over Europe, together with architects, building surveyors and building control experts, all available to give help and advice.

Firm believers in research and development of high quality eco building products

Ecomerchant has seen significant growth and development over the last 8 years, and is now proud to be the UK's leading environmentally friendly builders merchant, specialising in offering product, help and advice to trade and self-builders alike. One of Ecomerchant's strengths is their continual research into new products both in the UK and in Europe. They have built strong links with Denmark, Germany, Belgium and France to bring the best Eco building products to the UK.

Pleased to work with Kent Business Link and the Interreg III A

The Eco Enterprise Project, managed by Jae Mather of Business Link Kent CIC, is designed to support the development and growth of Eco-Enterprises in Kent, East Sussex and Nord Pas de Calais. In particular, it provides help to companies in the renewable energy, waste management, and sustainable construction sectors. There are range of programmes available and all are free of charge, supported through the EU funded Interreg III project. Ecomerchant have found this Project extremely useful in helping to build links with like-minded businesses in France and were pleased to welcome several members to the opening.

Product Launches

Ecomerchant launched 3 key products at their exhibition:

- Cogebloc – an auto-insulated pumice stone building block, which is set to revolutionise the building industry. Using this product negates the need for a cavity in building construction. Ecomerchant are the first UK distributor of this product, which comes from France.
- Matisse – recycled post consumer waste material insulation. A cost effective, highly affordable insulation for use as an alternative to fibreglass insulations. This product is sourced from Belgium.
- Eco-membrane – from a UK manufacturer, Ecomerchant are the first independent builders merchant to stock this product, which is a damp proof membrane made from 100% recycled material.

Bringing Suppliers and Eco Building Experts together

As well as showcasing new products, the day brought together Eco building professionals who were on hand to answer any questions: including architect Patrick Kennedy-Sanigar (Space Shuffle), building surveyor Paul Mallion (Conker Conservation) and independent building inspector Mark Saich (JHA Building Control Services).

Other products showcased on the day

- Vrogum high quality wooden doors and windows made from sustainable sourced timber
- Chartwell Brickworks, demonstrated the art of making handmade bricks for use in building conservation and restoration
- Limetec, providing lime mortars and renders for use in new build and
- Vankemmel high quality internal doors made from sustainably sourced timber
- Aquality Rainwater Harvesting and grey water recycling systems

Quote Ecomerchant Director, Joe Wild

"We were really pleased with our showroom opening and also with success of this, our first Eco construction exhibition. It was exciting to bring so many knowledgeable people from around Europe to discuss sustainable construction. We hope that this will be the start of ongoing successful collaborations with European businesses to expand the use of sustainable materials in the UK generally, and to encourage more people in Kent to come and speak to us, and make greater use of these energy saving products."

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- 'Joe and Metisse' – Joe Wild welcomes Gregoire de Kemmeter (left) and Pierre Duponchel (right) from Metisse, who travelled from Belgium and France for the event.
- 'Marquee 1' – Clare Black and Patrick Kennedy-Sanigar (Space Shuffle), Joe Wild (Ecomerchant), Mark Saich (JHA Ltd) and Paul Mallion (Conker Conservation)
- 'Rainwater' – Johnen Lutz from Aquality (left) demonstrates rainwater harvesting systems to a visitor
- 'Ecomerchant' – the new showroom in Goodnestone, nr Faversham



Rainwater 1



Ecomerchant 1



Marquee 1



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