SEERY'S CASH & CARRY

Sustainability Strategy

2026

Practical environmental improvements across our Athlone wholesale and distribution operation

Family run | 100% Irish owned | Established 1985

OUR APPROACH

Our commitment

As a family-run, 100% Irish-owned business, Seery's Cash & Carry is committed to operating responsibly and continually improving the environmental efficiency of our business. Our approach is practical and focused on areas where we can make a meaningful difference across our premises, warehouse and distribution operation. This includes reducing energy use, making greater use of renewable electricity, improving waste handling and recycling, managing deliveries efficiently, introducing greener transport and working with suppliers on more sustainable packaging and business practices.

Sustainability is an ongoing process for us. We have already made several investments and operational changes, and our aim is to continue improving these areas as the business develops and as suitable technologies and alternatives become available.

Our business at a glance

84	2000	1985
Solar panels installed	ISO certified since	Family business established

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Energy and our premises

Renewable energy and lighting

We installed 84 rooftop solar PV panels in 2024 in order to generate renewable electricity for our Athlone premises. This allows us to generate a proportion of the electricity used by the business on site and helps reduce our reliance on electricity drawn from the grid. We have also upgraded to energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the premises, with motion sensors used in suitable areas so that lighting is only in use when required.

Electric heating

Our heating system has been upgraded to an efficient electric system and is serviced regularly to help maintain its performance. Because the system is electric, it can make direct use of renewable electricity generated by our rooftop solar panels. This also means we avoid burning oil on site for heating. Together with our solar generation and LED lighting, this forms part of our wider approach to reducing the energy and fossil fuel requirements of the premises.

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Waste reduction and recycling

Waste management is a key part of our day-to-day warehouse operation. We separate recyclable materials including cardboard and plastics, while pallets and other suitable materials are reused or recycled wherever practical. Cardboard and other suitable materials are compacted and baled, helping us manage recyclable waste more efficiently and reducing the volume of loose waste generated within the warehouse.

Staff training is an important part of this process. Relevant team members are trained in the correct use of compacting and baling equipment and in the proper separation and handling of recyclable materials. This helps ensure that recyclable material is kept out of general waste wherever possible and that our waste procedures are followed consistently through the operation.

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Quality management

ISO certified since 2000

We have operated under the highest standards of the ISO Business Management System since the year 2000 and are currently certified under the most recent version of the Standard (ISO 9001: 2015). This means we regularly self-audit our procedures and are also subject to an annual external audit to maintain the standard. Our sustainability action plan is reviewed and improved annually as part of our ISO external audit.

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Responsible packaging

Packaging is an important part of our business, particularly across the food service, hospitality and takeaway sectors. We work closely with our suppliers to ensure our packaging range complies with applicable Irish and EU legislation, while continuing to expand recyclable, compostable and responsibly sourced alternatives and reduce reliance on unnecessary single-use plastics.

The **EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation 2025/40 (PPWR)** introduces significant changes aimed at reducing packaging waste and improving recyclability, reuse and packaging efficiency. We will continue to review and develop our packaging range in line with these changes, working with suppliers to introduce practical and compliant alternatives as requirements evolve. We also aim to keep our customers informed of important changes that affect the packaging they use.

Transport and deliveries

Greener transport

We have started introducing electric vehicles into our fleet for suitable local journeys and deliveries. Our intention is to expand their use overtime, particularly on local routes where electric vehicles can be used effectively without affecting the dependable delivery service our customers require.

Route planning and fuel efficiency

Route management is a major focus within our distribution operation. Deliveries are planned and reviewed with the aim of grouping customer drops efficiently, reducing unnecessary mileage and avoiding wasted journeys wherever possible.

Effective route planning helps us make better use of our fleet and driver time, while reducing avoidable fuel consumption and associated emissions. As our customer base and delivery requirements change, we will continue reviewing routes and delivery patterns to identify opportunities to combine deliveries, reduce unnecessary travel and maintain efficient service across the areas we serve.

NEXT STEPS

Our priorities for the year ahead

Continue improving energy efficiency across our premises and maximise the benefit of our solar investment.

Maintain our upgraded LED lighting and efficient electric heating system and continue to make use of renewable electricity generated on site.

Continue reducing waste through recycling, reuse, compacting and baling, supported by ongoing staff training in the correct handling of recyclable materials.

Continue supplying EU-compliant packaging and review more sustainable packaging alternatives with our suppliers where practical.

Expand our use of electric vehicles, particularly for suitable local delivery runs.

Keep route planning and delivery efficiency under regular review to reduce unnecessary mileage, wasted journeys and fuel consumption while maintaining customer service levels.

Work with suppliers and partners, including Stonehouse Ireland, to support wider sustainability initiatives and identify further practical improvements.

As a family business established in 1985, we take a long-term view of our responsibilities. Our objective is to continue building a more efficient and sustainable business through practical improvements that make sense for our operation, our customers and the communities we serve.