

# Annual Members' Meeting

28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### Aims of The Green Gram

- Increase the amount of packaging saved in our community
- Continue to source products with environmental and ethical issues in mind
- Increase awareness of the environmental impact of plastic packaging, via shop interaction and links through outreach projects and education
- Continue to offer affordable, good quality products

Achieving these aims will lead to revenue growth, in turn allowing us to fund the expansion of our range and further outreach activities.

## Developments over the past year

- Volunteers
- Outreach programme
- Peanut butter machine
- Loyalty card scheme introduced
- Broader range of products
- Recipes and tasters

# Our Volunteers















#### Peanut Butter Machine



























HCC Cllr Edward Heron & NFDC Cllrs David Millar & Phil Woods

## Supplier Focus













Reduced core size & tighter wrapping

Smaller boxes - cuts
over 33 tonnes of CO2
emissions per year —
the equivalent of
driving over 85,000
miles in a car!



Transport via electric train

Saving over 119
tonnes of CO2e
emissions per year –
the equivalent of
driving over 305,000
miles in a car!

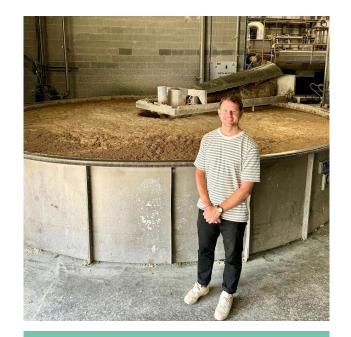


Switched to locally sourced recycled card

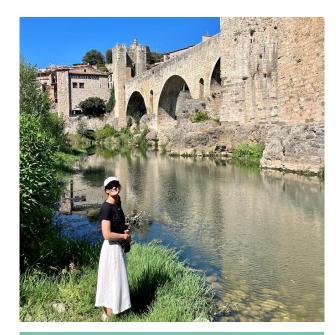
Cutting the climate footprint of recycled rolls by a whopping











Using gentle salts & soaps to clean the pulp

Meeting strict safety standards

Food safe

Creating parent & child rolls in-house

Controlling the full process

Lack of contaminants allows water to be returned to the river

Careful monitoring



## Some facts about disposable pads

- The average woman uses 11,000 sanitary products in her lifetime
- 1 million disposable incontinence pads are used each day in the UK
- Disposable sanitary and incontinence pads are about 90% plastic
- Disposable pads can take 500-600 years to decompose
- Disposable pads contain harmful chemicals which can be absorbed by the skin



Available in a range of sizes & absorbencies

Made from ethically sourced organic cotton

For periods & incontinence

Manufactured in the UK

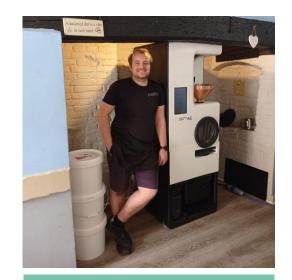
Leakproof, comfortable & beautiful!

Sewn by women working from home











Reduces CO2 from the roast cycle by 87%

Programmable for consistent roasting



Also powered by renewable energy



Our own custom
Fordingbridge Roast

Delivered in returnable, reusable tubs









Fordingbridge Roast

Brazilian Arabica beans

6 women farmers

Café Delas gender equality programme

Decaf

Columbian Arabica beans

Swiss water process

ASOPEP co-operative

Farmer Impact Fund

Living Income Pricing



Founded by women

Based in West Grinstead

Plastic-free packaging



Fairtrade cocoa beans from the Dominican Republic

40,000 small growers countrywide



Schools built & repaired

Scholarships & equipment

IT centre



Organic ingredients

Organic crops up to 60% higher in key antioxidants than conventionally grown crops

### Challenges & Solutions

- Climate change
- Political instability
  - Coffee beans
  - Apricots
  - Brazil nuts
  - Cocoa products

- Retail prices track cost prices
- Source alternative products
- Research new suppliers
- Regular price checking

### Plans for growing the business

- Early opening on Saturday mornings in Nov-Dec
- 'Build a Gift' range of bottles, jars, labels & tags
- Continuing to research and source new products
- Further development of outreach
- Improved marketing to reach a different demographic
- Additional paid staff
- Additional till station





## Update on Project Manna











