

# Top 100 - UK's most responsible companies revealed

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The newly formed Ethical Company Organisation (E.C.O) today announces the first 100 Companies invited to join its ethical company accreditation scheme, illustrating which Companies are overall most responsible to the environment, people and animals.

In order to create the definitive responsible company list, E.C.O research accessed over 50,000 records from as far back as 1989. The independent study (using researchers from ECRA) spanned News Reports, Court Reports, Public Complaints, and campaign information from non-government organisations like Greenpeace and Christian Aid.

The leading 100 companies are as follows:-

Abbey National; Aga Rayburn; Alliance & Leicester; Aqua Pura; Asics; Atmos; Authentic Bread; Baby Organix; Bagpuss & Clangers Soft Toys; Bahlsen (biscuits); Ballygowan; Bandai (toys); Baumatic Ltd; Bio-D; Biofa Natural Paint; Bradford & Bingley; Brio & Plan Toys; Britannia Building Society; Brother UK; Cafedirect; Casa Paints; Castle Dairies; Caurnie Soap Company; Chelsea Building Society; Cheshire Building Society; CIS Environ Trust; Clipper Teas; Co-op Bank; Co-operative Group; Coventry Building Society; Cream O'Galloway; Doves Farm Foods; Dualit; Dyson; Ecology BS; Ecos Paint; Ecotricity; Ecover; Epon; Equal Exchange; Faith in Nature; Gas 210 ECO & Quinta (boilers); Glenmorangie; Good Energy; Granovita; Green & Blacks; Green Baby; Green Energy 100; Green People; Hemp Garden; Hi Tec; Highland Spring; Hipp Organic; Holz Toys; Honesty; Hornby Plc; Infinity Foods; Innocent Drinks; Jonathan Crisp; Jordans; Karrimore; Kettle Foods Ltd; Kingfisher Toothpaste; Lego UK Ltd; Livos Paints; Lowe Alpine; Lush; Medivac; Mornflake Oats Ltd; Mother Hemp Ltd; Naturally So; Neal's Yard; New Covent Garden Soup; Northern Rock; Nutshell Natural Paints; Pascoe's; Percol; Playmobil; Prima & Akai; Puma; Rachel's Organic Dairy; Ricoh; Rocombe Farm; Sauflon Pharmaceuticals; Smile; Suma Wholefoods; The Body Shop; The Day Chocolate Company; The Redwood Wholefood Co. Ltd; Tom's of Maine; Traidcraft; Triodos; Vango; Viridian; Vitabiotics Ltd; Vivid Imaginations; Walkers Shortbread Ltd; Whitworths; Whole Earth; Yeo Valley Organic.

Throughtout March, E.C.O is holding a series of meetings with several of the top100 including Abbey National, Innocent Drinks, Yeo Valley, Hip Organic and Good Energy Ltd.

Chairman of the Ethical Company Organisation, William Sankey says:-

'Our research clearly shows which companies are most responsible overall: the good news is that there is a whole new attitude emerging within a group of progressive companies, determined to act responsibly in everything they do. These are the companies who have passed the initial E.C.O ethical company audit, and are eligible to join the E.C.O accreditation scheme'

About E.C.O – see [www.ethical-company-organisation.org](http://www.ethical-company-organisation.org)

E.C.O officially launches on 9th March 2004, within Fair Trade Fortnight. E.C.O Ltd is a member of the Social Enterprise Coalition. E.C.O aims to promote a universally responsible corporate attitude towards people, animal welfare and the environment. E.C.O uses independent researchers from the Ethical Consumer Research Association. (E.C.O also publishes the best-selling ethical company reference guide – The Good Shopping Guide - see [www.thegoodshoppingguide.co.uk](http://www.thegoodshoppingguide.co.uk))

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