



Gold Member Ballykilcavan Brewing Company

About the Company

Established in 2016, Ballykilcavan Brewing Company is based at Ballykilcavan Farm, near Stradbally, Co. Laois. Home to 13 generations of the Walsh family since the year 1639, Ballykilcavan has primarily been a tillage farm for the past 50 years. With malting barley being the main crop on the farm, the brewing company was setup to diversify and safeguard its long-term future.

The company launched its first beer in July 2017 and was followed by three more bottled beers to create its core bottled beer range. The on-farm brewery was opened in December 2018 and since then, the company has added four canned beers and an unfiltered lager to its range as it continues to grow.

Spotlight Target Area: Packaging

Over the year 2021, Ballykilcavan Brewing Company displayed outstanding achievement across its sustainability plan in a range of key target areas, including Raw Material Sourcing, Packaging, Waste, and Community Engagement.

Within the packaging target area, the company looked to reduce its dependence on plastic shrink wrap, setting a target to reduce this material by 25%. Throughout 2021, the company increased its use of compostable shrink wrap by 63% from a baseline of 0% in 2020. Using a compostable alternative to plastic shrink wrap, which breaks down into biomass rather than micro-plastics, significantly reduces the environmental impact of its product packaging.

In addition, Ballykilcavan Brewing Company also introduced multi-use polycarbonate cups for use at festivals and events which are returned, washed, and used again at future events which reduces single use cups.

Membership Tier 5

Minimum Origin Green Targets Required Annually = 4

Exemplary Performance Target Areas

Raw Material Sourcing	Raw Materials & Suppliers	★
	Packaging	★
Manufacturing Process	Energy/Emissions	
	Water	
	Waste	★
Social Sustainability	Product Health and Nutrition	
	Employee Wellbeing	
	Community Engagement	★
	Diversity & Inclusion	
Additional Targets	Biodiversity	
	Approved Sector Specific Target	



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“We’re absolutely delighted to have achieved Gold status in this year’s Origin Green. There’s always more that we can do, but in a year where we won the Small Firms Association sustainability award and a PwC / Sunday Business Post sustainability award, this is further confirmation that we’re on the right path. A big thank you to Joe, Dave and Niall at the brewery for all their support and encouragement on what we’ve achieved so far.”

David Walsh-Kemmis, MD of Ballykilcavan Brewing Company