



Sustainability Report

Delivering to a Better World

Board-level commitment and our Sustainability Management Committee established in March 2024. C&C Group continues to embed sustainability into everything we do.

Our sustainability strategy is integral to C&C Group's purpose and our three core values:



We respect people and the planet



We bring joy to life



Quality is at our core

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Scope 1 & 2 emissions
(location-based)
YOY reduction

11%



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Our Materiality Process

In this reporting period, C&C Group continued to prepare for the reporting obligations under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive ('CSRD'). Following the EU 'Stop the Clock' Directive and Omnibus

package, work is currently being undertaken to align the output of the initial Double Materiality Assessment ('DMA') with the simplified directive to determine those areas requiring further review.

ATTENUATION PONDS IN THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, CLONMEL



SIMPLICITY

Simplifying our strategic pillars

In FY2027, C&C Group will simplify the pillars of its sustainability strategy, providing a clear and coherent framework through which to articulate our Environmental, Social and Governance priorities. This evolution does not represent a change to our strategy or the initiatives already in place; it reflects a structured, consistent approach to how our sustainability performance is organised, measured and communicated.

Our strategy will be underpinned by three simple and memorable pillars, aligned directly to our Environmental, Social and Governance priorities.

Through this framework, we will continue to strive for better by driving improvements across our manufacturing, supply and value chains; doing what is right for our colleagues, consumers, customers, suppliers and communities; and conducting our business in an authentic way, guided by the highest standards of ethics, transparency and accountability.

Together, our simplified pillars will provide a robust and flexible framework that supports both current and future reporting requirements, enabling us to reflect the full scope of our sustainability performance and ambitions.



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ENVIRONMENT

01. Reduce our Carbon Footprint

We understand the need to further reduce emissions in our operations. We use our position as a leading drinks producer and distributor to influence our supply chain to support our sustainability goals and to reduce carbon emissions in their own operations.



C&C Group has committed to be a carbon neutral business by 2050 at the latest. The Group has a near-term target to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas ('GHG') emissions 35% by 2030 from a 2020 baseline. In addition, we have a Scope 3 emissions target of 25% reduction by 2030 against a 2020 baseline. We are working with our key suppliers to reduce emissions in the supply chain, with the ambition that 67% of our suppliers (by spend) will have a science-based target in place by the end of 2026 (reporting year FY2027).

Progress against our Science Based Targets

Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions continued to decline in FY2026, demonstrating sustained progress against the FY2020 baseline and consistency with the Group's decarbonisation strategy. We achieved an 11% year-on-year reduction (Scope 1 and 2 location-based emissions) and a 43% overall reduction against the FY2020 baseline. Efficiency savings and reduction in emissions is driven by capital investment in new technology at our manufacturing sites, increasing the use of renewable energy across our own operations, reduced fossil fuel consumption and further rollout of alternative fuel, i.e., hydrotreated vegetable oil ('HVO'). Switching from diesel to HVO across more of our fleet has saved 632 tCO₂e in FY2026. The Group will install an E-Boiler, which is forecast to reduce carbon emissions by approx. 3,000 tCO₂e. This investment will

reduce underlying emissions at our Wellpark site by 53%. Further detail of our decarbonisation initiatives can be found in the statement of our

Transition Plan on page 47 and the Summary of Decarbonisation Projects section on page 29.

Table 1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Data

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Tonnes CO ₂ equivalent)	FY2020 (Baseline)	FY2025	FY2026	Change vs FY2025	Change vs Baseline (FY2020)
Scope 1	25,079	17,623	15,719	-11%	-37%
Scope 2 (location-based)	12,429	6,464	5,670	-12%	-54%
Scope 2 (market-based)	6,238	190	64	-66%	-99%
Scopes 1+2 (location-based)	37,508	24,087	21,389	-11%	-43%
Scopes 1+2 (market-based)	31,317	17,813	15,783	-11%	-50%
Scope 3	718,090	504,714	497,307	-1%	-31%
C1. Purchased goods	482,701	347,763	403,961	16%	-16%
C2. Capital goods	-	12,519	5,947	-52%	-
C3. Fuel and energy-related activities	7,083	5,678	5,055	-11%	-29%
C4. Upstream transportation	17,131	43,764	41,373	-5%	142%
C5. Waste generated in operations	2,933	1,085	118	-89%	-96%
C6. Business travel	1,879	857	339	-60%	-82%
C7. Employee commuting	2,606	2,191	1,716	-22%	-34%
C9. Downstream transportation and distribution	27,273	33,782	31,424	-7%	15%
C10. Processing of sold products	-	-	375	-	-
C11. Use of sold products	138,365	45,845	6,089	-87%	-96%
C12. End-of-life treatment of sold products	38,117	10,727	888	-92%	-98%
C15. Investments	-	504	21	-96%	-
Total Carbon Footprint (location-based)	755,597	528,801	518,696	-2%	-31%
Total Carbon Footprint (market-based)	749,405	522,527	513,090	-2%	-32%

C&C Group's classification of emissions associated with factored products has been comprehensively reviewed with external expert advice and updated GHG Protocol guidance. Across Scope 3 categorisation, emissions have been re allocated to accurately reflect the underlying activity data and value chain boundaries. This has led to some movements within individual Scope 3 categories with limited overall total impact.



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In FY2027, the Group will revalidate our science-based targets through SBTi, strengthening our commitment by aligning to a 1.5°C reduction pathway and including Forest, Land and Agriculture ('FLAG') targets. As part of this process, we will undertake a re-baselining process to reflect the divestment of our fruit processing business and the acquisition of Drygate Brewery.

Table 2: Emissions Intensity

Emissions Intensity	FY2020 (Baseline)	FY2025	FY2026	Change vs FY2025	Change vs Baseline
Net Revenue (mEUR)	1,719	1,665.5	1,569.8	-6%	-9%
Scope 1 and 2 tCO ₂ e per mEUR (location-based)	21.8	14.5	13.6	-6%	-38%
Total Carbon Footprint tCO ₂ e per mEUR (location-based)	440	318	330	4%	-25%
Scope 1 and 2 tCO ₂ e per mEUR (market-based)	18.2	10.7	10.1	-6%	-45%
Total Carbon Footprint tCO ₂ e per mEUR (market-based)	436	314	330	4%	-25%

Conservation of Energy

Across the Group, we continue to transition to renewable energy where possible. Through continued investment into renewable electricity contracts, C&C Group's Scope 2 market-based emissions have reduced by 99% against the FY2020 baseline. In FY2026, the total Group electricity consumption from renewable electricity sources has increased from 95% to 99%. In line with our Transition Plan, we are working to move all electricity contracts to renewable sources. Our Clonmel site generated 1,653 MWh of renewable electricity from its solar panels in FY2026. C&C Group introduced a solar energy system as part of our Orbital West depot launch and are monitoring benefits with a view to rolling out across the wider distribution network where applicable.

In recent years, C&C Group has completed a range of decarbonisation projects at our sites. Projects include installation of anaerobic digestion and biogas projects at our Wellpark Brewery; operations efficiency projects; piloting the introduction of electric vehicles into our distribution fleet; and the successful transition of key depots to HVO as a sustainable fuel source for our distribution network. To further reduce carbon emissions and energy consumption in our operations, the Group will replace air compressors in Clonmel, reducing energy used by 400 MWh per annum in FY2027.

Table 3: Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting ('SECR')

Total C&C Group Emissions (Scope 1 and 2) tCO ₂ e	Previous reporting year (FY2025)			Current reporting year (FY2026)		
	UK	Non-UK	Total	UK	Non-UK	Total
Scope 1	12,553	5,070	17,634	12,004	3,715	15,719
Scope 2 (location-based)	3,711	2,753	6,464	3,464	2,206	5,670
Scope 2 (market-based)	3	187	190	64	-	64





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Table 4: Energy Consumption MWh

Energy Consumption MWh	FY2020 (Baseline) MWh	FY2025 MWh	FY2026 MWh	Change vs FY2025	Change vs Baseline
Natural Gas	94,221	57,449	48,510	-16%	-49%
Liquified Petroleum Gas ('LPG')	2,332	4,552	5,933	30%	154%
Diesel	33,257	23,322	20,509	-12%	-38%
Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil ('HVO')	0	6,989	9,466	35%	-
Petroleum	450	1,914	1,838	-4%	308%
Kerosene/Fuel Oil	65	209	-	-100%	-100%
Biogas	83	3,484	3,511	1%	4130%
Non-Renewable Electricity	26,664	2,644	363	-86%	-99%
Renewable Electricity	14,737	29,070	31,877	10%	116%
Total Non-Renewable Energy Consumption	156,989	90,090	77,153	-14%	-51%
Total Renewable Energy Consumption	14,737	39,543	44,854	13%	203%
Total Energy Consumption	171,726	129,633	122,007	-6%	-29%
Total MWh included in Scope 1	130,325	94,435	86,256	-9%	-34%
Total MWh included in Scope 2	41,401	31,714	32,240	2%	-22%
Out of Scopes (Biogas)	83	3,484	3,511	1%	4130%

The Group's total energy use has reduced by 29% since FY2020. This is primarily driven by our carbon reduction efforts, with consumption of natural gas almost halving over the same period. This is due to the continued optimisation of our operations and focus on energy efficiency. Increased HVO use in our distribution fleet, with its reduced carbon footprint, is offset, with a more significant absolute reduction in energy associated with diesel. LPG consumption, whilst a small contributor to the overall energy use has increased by 30% against FY2025, due to increased forklift truck movement at Wellpark, and increased use of LPG at Clonmel's wastewater treatment facility. Consumption of non-renewable electricity from fossil fuels reduced by 86% in FY2026 against the previous financial year reflecting the near complete transition away from grid electricity sourced from non-renewable contracts.

In FY2026, total energy consumption reduced by 6%. The Group has invested in a transition away from energy from fossil fuel sources, shown in the 14% reduction in FY2026. Total renewable energy consumption has increased by 13% against last financial year.

The Group's Transition Plan explains how we will continue to move our manufacturing and distribution operations to renewable energy sources where feasible.

Table 5: Energy Consumption and Mix

Energy Consumption and Mix	FY2026 (MWh)
Fuel consumption from coal and coal products	-
Fuel consumption from crude oil and petroleum products	28,280
Fuel consumption from natural gas	48,510
Fuel consumption from other fossil sources	-
Fuel consumption from nuclear products	-
Consumption from acquired electricity, heat or steam from fossil sources	363
Total energy consumption from fossil sources (MWh)	77,153
Share of fossil sources in total energy consumption (%)	63%
Fuel consumption from renewable sources (including biogas and HVO)	12,977
Consumption of acquired electricity, heat or steam from renewable sources	31,877
Consumption of self-generated electricity from renewable sources (solar)	-
Total renewable energy consumption (MWh)	44,854
Share of renewable sources in total energy consumption (%)	37%
Total energy consumption (MWh)	122,007

Table 6: Total Energy Consumption per net revenue

MWh/mEUR	FY2026
Total energy consumption per net revenue	77.72

**Sustainability Report** continued**Breakdown of Scope 3 emissions**

Our Scope 3 emissions (including Purchased Goods, Use of Sold Product, End of Life Treatment, and other indirect emissions) account for 96% of C&C's total emissions.

81% of our Scope 3 emissions are attributed to third-party products that we purchase and deliver to our customers. We are directly engaged with key suppliers to explore collaborative emission reduction projects as part of our Sustainable Procurement programme.

Scope 3 Supply Chain Engagement

In FY2026, 54% of C&C Group's targeted supplier spend is covered by science-based targets that are validated by SBTi.

To engage with key suppliers, we provide one-to-one guidance and support for measuring, reporting, and communicating carbon emissions and reduction ambitions. In 2025, C&C Group was awarded a score of A- from CDP Supply Chain as recognition of our commitment to engage through the Supplier Engagement Assessment. C&C Group is improving our approach to supplier engagement through a dedicated Sustainable Procurement programme.

Summary of Decarbonisation Projects

Our main manufacturing sites continue to make significant carbon emission reductions. At Clonmel, gas efficiency projects in FY2026 resulted in 10% reduction in carbon emissions associated with consumption of natural gas, due investment into a boiler economiser, continuous

improvement in our can line efficiency, improved shut down and cleaning procedures, and more effective run hours on the heat pump. At our Wellpark Brewery, carbon emissions reduced by approximately 164 tCO₂e with the full year effects of an improved brewhouse cycle time, improvements to the canning line operation, and on-going employee awareness programmes.

Across the Group, we have continued to transition our electricity to renewable sources. Our procurement team has worked with energy providers to ensure that we are purchasing clean electricity where possible, leading to market-based Scope 2 emissions reductions of 99% against the FY2020 baseline.

As outlined in the Transition Plan, C&C Group is committed to investing in alternative fuel to decarbonise our distribution fleet. We are transitioning, to FY2030, the bulk diesel fuel tanks at our depots to HVO. In FY2026, we introduced HVO to our Boldon and Wetherby depots in addition to the continued use at Runcorn, Bedford, Fosse Lane, and Orbital West. Through increasing use of HVO across our depot sites, we have saved approximately 2,400 tCO₂e since introducing HVO to our distribution fleet in FY2023.

In addition to large investments, C&C Group also continued to transition more sites to LED lighting, reducing emissions by 21 tCO₂e in FY2026, and committing to continuous improvement initiatives across our sites to influence business culture and reduce emissions.

Environmental Policy

C&C Group's Environmental Policy applies across all Group internal operations, and to management and employees. The Policy is reviewed by our Sustainability Management Committee and is approved by the Chief Executive Officer every two years. The Environmental Policy will be reviewed and updated ahead of the FY2027 reporting cycle.

Policies are publicly available on C&C Group's corporate website www.candcgroupplc.com/corporate-governance/.

Sustainable Logistics

Operating as a distributor, as well as a manufacturer and marketer, a significant amount of our emissions are fuel-based. Understanding the negative impact fossil fuels have on our climate, the Group is committed to transitioning to lower carbon alternatives where feasible.

Across the Group, we operate four 18-tonne electric heavy goods vehicles ('HGV'). We continue to adopt a phased approach to the implementation of electric vehicles ('EV'), shifting delivery vehicles to HVOs in the interim as the technology and cost competitiveness of EVs continues to improve. Our flagship depot in London, Orbital West, is piloting a mix of electric HGVs and internal combustion engine ('ICE') HGVs powered by HVO. We continue to require all new vehicles, leased, or purchased, to meet the EURO 6 standard – 96% of our fleet is currently EURO 6.

As our planning and telematics systems continue to develop, we will see continuous improvements to route efficiency, especially reduced mileage. We are also working in partnership with our customers on refining our service charter and reducing non-essential delivery journeys. Consolidating deliveries is a key aspect of this.

Across C&C Group's operations, we continue to rationalise our distribution network, with the closure of Kells in the Republic of Ireland in FY2026. The combined changes to our depot network, route optimisation, and fuel decarbonisation has reduced carbon emissions across our distribution network.



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ENVIRONMENT

02. Sustainably produce and source our Products & Services

The safety, authenticity, legality and quality of our product manufacturing and sourcing are fundamental to our ongoing business operations.



Product Safety and Quality

Supported by the C&C Group technical function, in line with global best practice, C&C Group has implemented robust quality control and food defence procedures across our manufacturing sites. Table 1 outlines the quality certifications and audits achieved or maintained across manufacturing sites. Internally, C&C Group annually tests crisis management and business continuity procedures to protect customers, consumers, and the communities in which we operate.

Achieving and maintaining BRCGS Food Safety AA+ certification at both manufacturing sites reinforces our commitment to world-class food safety and product quality.

It guarantees that we are operating responsibly, ensuring our processes consistently meet globally recognised best practices, while minimising environmental impact. Achieving and maintaining FEMAS certification demonstrates that the by-product we supply for use in animal feed meets the highest standards of safety, quality, and full traceability. This assurance highlights our commitment to responsible waste management and environmental stewardship. Clonmel successfully achieved ISO 14001 recertification following a rigorous independent audit of our environmental management systems. This milestone confirms our continued adherence to global sustainability standards and our commitment to minimizing our ecological impact. By maintaining this

certification, we drive operational efficiency, ensure regulatory compliance, and provide stakeholders with verified assurance of our corporate responsibility. Wellpark is subject to audit against the SEDEX Members Ethical Trade Audit ("SMETA") Standard which includes data on labour rights, health and safety, environmental practices, and business ethics.

Table 1: Quality certifications and audits achieved or maintained across manufacturing sites

Clonmel

Bulmers ISO 14001
Bulmers BRCGS
Bulmers FEMAS

Wellpark

Wellpark BRCGS
Wellpark FEMAS
Wellpark AOECs Standard for Gluten-Free Foods
SMETA Audit

Water

C&C Group has a water efficiency target of 3.4:1 (water ratio of hectolitres extracted versus hectolitres produced). In FY2026, the Group has achieved a water efficiency ratio of 3.3:1. This result has been achieved through continuous improvement and investment in water management infrastructure at our manufacturing sites. Since FY2020 (base year), the water usage at our Wellpark and Clonmel manufacturing sites has reduced (25% and 41% respectively).

TENNENT'S BREWERY TOUR, WELLPARK





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Waste

The Group maintains its commitment to Zero Waste to Landfill across our operations. The waste management approach is guided by the waste hierarchy: prioritising prevention and implementing reuse and recycling where possible. In our manufacturing sites, waste is source-segregated to maximise opportunity for recycling. We monitor manufacturing waste streams for contamination and implemented target improvements. 100% of our manufacturing by-products are recycled for use as animal feed or compost. In FY2026, over 20,900 tonnes of spent grain and fruit pomace were used as animal feed, with the remainder of our manufacturing waste recycled or sent for energy recovery.

Sustainable Sourcing

Where possible we locally procure the ingredients for our own-manufactured beers and ciders. In Scotland, our Tennent's range is brewed using 100% Scottish malt. Working with our suppliers we support our barley and wheat growers through long-term supply arrangements. We procure malting barley from farms enrolled in independently audited farm assurance schemes, with over 90% of supply achieving gold accreditation from the Farm Sustainability Assessment ('FSA').

The health and sustainability of the Irish apple growing sector is central to C&C Group strategy. All apples crushed at the Clonmel site to produce Bulmers and Magners cider are sourced from the Island of Ireland. As well as having partner growers on the island, C&C Group owns orchards in Co. Tipperary. A key aspect of apple orcharding is the health of the

population of bees and other pollinating insects. As part of our commitment to protect the biodiversity of bees, C&C Group continues as a patron of the All-Ireland Pollinator.

Continuing to embed sustainable sourcing practices into our procurement processes will support our ambition across our sustainability pillars. It plays a significant role in minimising adverse environmental and social impacts, as well as managing risks and opportunities in our supply chain. In collaboration with our suppliers, we can deliver our business objectives and sustainability targets.

Over the last financial year capability to further embed sustainable practices into our procurement processes has been improved to complement the work already in place around climate considerations in our supply chain. Colleague support and integrated practices are based on the guidance standard ISO 20400 (Sustainable Procurement). A sustainable procurement training module was developed and rolled out to procurement functions. 97% of colleagues have completed the training. Application of sustainable procurement will be managed through tendering process which will include sustainability criteria. Our updated Code of Conduct available at www.candcgroupplc.com/code-of-conduct/ constitutes a dedicated supplier section outlining minimum acceptable standards to work with C&C Group.

Supplier Engagement

SEDEX is the established approach to supplier management regarding ethical sustainability requirements. Suppliers breaching our risk

threshold are being asked to match with us on the platform or join the platform to share the results or complete a Self-Assessment Questionnaire ('SAQ') and or audit which generates a risk score based on key

indicators. Awareness of supplier risks and opportunities contribute to attaining continuous supply chain improvement.

SIMPLICITY

CASE STUDY

Simplifying Sustainable Procurement

Sustainable procurement supports C&C Group's strategic priorities by embedding ethical, environmental and social considerations into commercial decision-making. Through clear governance, standardised processes and supplier engagement, the programme enhances service, strengthens risk oversight and stability, and applies recognised frameworks to deliver simple, responsible sourcing and tangible business value.

FY2026 Achievements**People**

100% of our procurement colleagues trained in the core principles of Sustainable Procurement.

Policy, Strategy and Communication

C&C Group Supplier Code of Conduct updated.

Procurement Processes

Sustainability Criteria embedded into tenders & Onboarding.

Engaging Suppliers

C.40% of our high spend supply base matched on SEDEX.

FY2027 Development**People**

Expand training of the core principles of sustainable procurement to all budget holders.

Policy, Strategy and Communication

Creation of C&C Group Human Rights Breach Response Team.

Procurement Processes

Increased focus on Supplier Management.

Engaging Suppliers

Expand our SEDEX matching to encompass suppliers with high-risk indicators.



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03. Ensure alcohol is consumed responsibly

We are fully committed to marketing alcohol responsibly and encouraging the moderate consumption of the products we produce and distribute.



Alcohol Awareness

Our aim is to ensure that our brands are enjoyed safely and responsibly by consumers.

All our marketing activities operate in accordance with the Group's Responsible Marketing Code ('RMC'). Compliance with this code is mandatory across all marketing, sales, promotional, and communications activity relating to both our owned brands and any third-party brands for which we manage and control marketing activity.

The Health and Wellbeing section of the Group's internal colleague platform, C&C4Me, includes a dedicated Alcohol Awareness area. This provides colleagues with information, resources and practical tools to increase understanding of alcohol-related issues, supported by guidance and educational materials from our partners at Drinkaware.

Responsible Marketing Training

All colleagues within the Marketing, Communications, Corporate Affairs and Legal teams complete mandatory training every two years on the relevant industry codes governing alcohol marketing. This includes the CAP and BCAP Codes, the Portman Group Codes of Practice in the UK, and the CopyClear framework in Ireland.

This training strengthens internal expertise, safeguards our licence to operate, protects the reputation of our brands, and ensures our marketing activities continue to prioritise consumer and societal wellbeing.

During FY2026, C&C Group recorded zero breaches of industry or regulatory marketing codes.

Promoting 0%, Low Alcohol & Low-Calorie Variants

As consumer preferences continue to evolve towards moderation and reduced alcohol consumption, The Group has expanded its portfolio to include low-and no-alcohol as well as lower-calorie alternatives within its core brands.

In FY2026, Bulmers Light and Bulmers Zero formed an important part of the brand's overall marketing strategy. In addition, following consumer feedback, Tennent's Zero was reintroduced with an improved recipe and refreshed product offering.

Alongside our owned brands, we also provide customers with a wide range of third-party low-and no-alcohol and reduced-calorie products, enabling us to respond effectively to growing consumer demand for these options.

Alcohol Labelling

We continue to implement Portman Group Best Practice Labelling across the primary packaging of our major beer and cider brands in the UK.

This includes:

- Unit alcohol content per container
- Pregnancy logo/message
- Active signposting to Drinkaware.co.uk
- Chief Medical Officers' Low Risk Drinking Guidelines
- Calorie information
- 18+
- Drink drive warning
- Pregnancy warning

Through our ongoing collaboration with the Portman Group, C&C Group aims to ensure alcohol labelling remains both responsible and informative. By adopting the latest industry best practice standards, consumers are provided with clearer and more comprehensive information about our products and associated health guidance.

In Ireland, C&C Group continues preparations to comply with the labelling requirements outlined in the Public Health (Alcohol) Act, which are currently expected to come into force in 2028.

**Sustainability Report** continued**Supporting Drinkaware and Drinkaware.ie**

Responsible drinking messaging remains a prominent feature across all communications for our owned brands in both the UK and Ireland. References to Drinkaware and Drinkaware.ie are included across a range of channels, including television advertising, out-of-home media, social media content and sponsorship assets.

Portman Group

C&C Group continues to support the Portman Group, the UK's regulator for alcohol labelling, packaging and promotion and a leading body for social responsibility within the industry.

Through our engagement with the organisation, we access training, guidance and advisory services to ensure our marketing remains

aligned with the relevant Codes of Practice. We also benefit from research and insights provided by the Portman Group on emerging trends and developments in alcohol consumption.





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04. Enhance Health & Safety, Wellbeing & Capability of Colleagues

Our main priority will always be the health, safety, and wellbeing of our employees: recognising the key importance of delivering better safety standards and improving the wellbeing of our colleagues.



Health & Safety

C&C Group prioritise the continual improvement of occupational health and safety standards. Establishing a positive health, safety and wellbeing culture is essential to protect workers and uphold productivity.

Last year, we set out our three-phase strategic roadmap designed to empower employees in achieving our mission that everyone is Safe Home Every Day.

Defined Standards

In FY2026, through collaboration with colleagues across all business areas, we developed a robust framework of 48 Management and Risk Control Standards and 70 Safe Work Procedures for colleagues, establishing improved ways of working and providing clarity to our colleagues on our commitment to a fair and just safety culture, ensuring managers are visibly accountable.

Number of Mental Health First Aiders

96

Number of Safe Work Procedures

70

In FY2027, we will continue to focus on embedding these standards throughout the Group and will introduce a programme developed around internal audit findings to ensure our focus remains on continual improvement.

Improve Capability

Through our Safety Centre of Excellence capability programme, we have delivered 43 courses in key skills required to embed improved safety standards and developed a robust methodology in effective practical training to be delivered by newly appointed operational trainers throughout the coming year.

We have used improved technology to reduce administration time, allowing more focus on practical delivery of training but ensuring comprehensive records of training can be maintained.

Empower Colleagues

This year, we launched our PAUSE for safety initiative in the logistics network, specifically focussing on defining our delivery safety standards, empowering our delivery crews in making effective safety-based decisions every day.

In the coming year, we will further develop this initiative in improved delivery point risk assessment, working with our customers on ensuring consistent delivery point safety standards are a priority.

Although we saw a 2.4% increase in our Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate ('LTIFR') from 3.79 to 3.88 per 200,000 hours worked, we achieved a 13.5% reduction in reportable injuries across the Group.

Our ambition is to further improve on this progress and achieve a 30% reduction overall in lost time injuries by FY2028 against the 3.79 baseline rate set in FY2025.

Prioritising Health & Wellbeing

We remain committed to supporting colleagues' emotional wellbeing, financial resilience and practical needs, both in the workplace and beyond. All colleagues have access and benefit from comprehensive Employee Assistance Programme ('EAP') services. Through our partnership with GroceryAid, a trusted charity with more than 160 years of experience supporting people across the industry, we launched an enhanced EAP for UK colleagues.

Safety KPIs

Target	Units	FY2026	FY2025
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate ('LTIFR')	Number of lost time incidents per 200,000 hours worked in reporting period	3.88	3.79
Reportable Injury Frequency Rate ('RIFR')	Number of reportable incidents per 200,000 hours worked in a reporting period.	1.98	2.29



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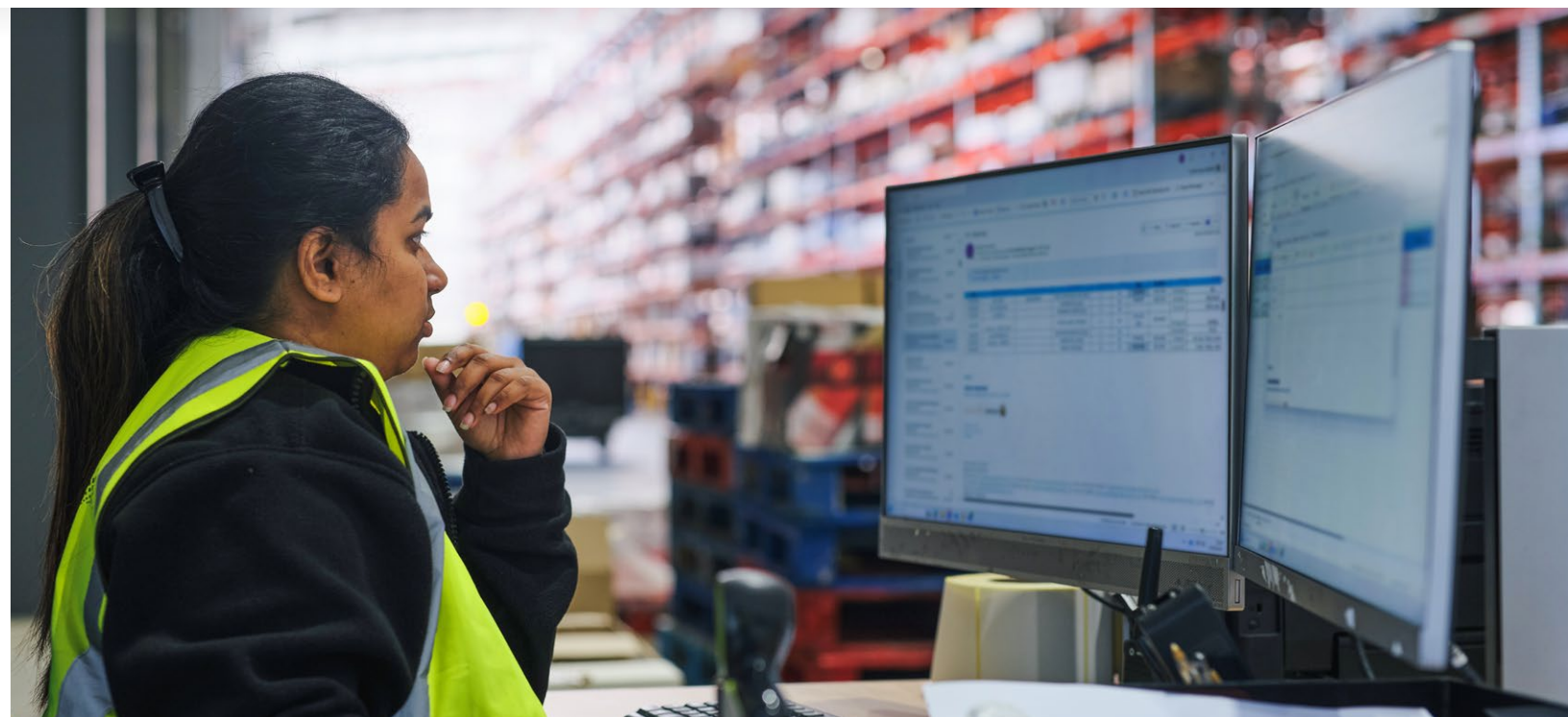
This provides confidential and independent support from day one of employment, including financial guidance, non repayable grants, and resources for People Managers to help them support their teams effectively.

This year we reviewed and updated our substance misuse and responsible drinking policies, ensuring that colleagues have clear guidance on our policies and access to support when required – including signposting to appropriate services and referral to our EAPs where needed. We continue to invest in Mental Health First Aider training to maintain a robust support network across the organisation, complementing the assistance available through our EAPs.

We also introduced a new Occupational Health (“OH”) external partner, enhancing our capacity to deliver consistent and compliant health surveillance, improved support for the management of sickness absence, and timely OH advice with clear recommendations for managers. The service includes access to physiotherapy, enabling early intervention and supporting colleagues to stay well and active at work.

Empowering Our People to Deliver Strong Performance

Our talent development strategy continues to advance, supported by a dedicated team and strengthened through comprehensive insight. This year, we completed an Organisational Capability Assessment (“OCA”), generating valuable data to inform strategic planning and guide investment in our people.



Through 63 interviews, 78 hours of conversations, and almost 400 comments from leaders and managers, we identified key priorities across people management behaviours, development and support, a core learning curriculum delivered via our Learning Tap platform, enhancing our join journey, and building sustainable talent pipelines.

Throughout FY2026, our core Sales/Commercial capability programme, ‘Succeed’, has delivered structured, job focused development to every sales team across all business channels. Supporting around 350 colleagues and delivering more than 7,000 hours of sales-focused learning, the programme strengthens commercial excellence through a consistent sales approach and a clear capability pathway.

Skills are developed progressively through induction, coaching, workshops, and practical application tools. This has equipped our teams with a shared language, repeatable selling behaviours, and practical resources that enhance execution, drive excellence, and support exceptional customer experiences.

Cyber Training

Over the past year, we have continued to strengthen colleague capability and cyber resilience through a comprehensive security training and awareness programme. Our approach focuses on developing secure habits, reducing human related risk, and ensuring all colleagues remain equipped to recognise and respond to modern cyber threats. Our Security Training Programme continues to comprise

three core elements: annual mandatory cyber security awareness training; monthly phishing simulations and regular awareness communications, supported by optional topical training modules. All colleagues with computer accounts are automatically enrolled. Colleague engagement with cyber security has grown significantly, reflecting a strengthening security culture across the business.



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05. Build a more Inclusive, Diverse and Engaged C&C

We remain committed to creating a workplace where everyone can thrive in a fair, inclusive and supportive environment.



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

In our November 2025 Elevate Employee Engagement Survey, inclusiveness was one of our highest scoring themes, with many colleagues highlighting that a key strength of C&C Group is that people of all backgrounds are accepted for who they are.

As part of our partnership with GroceryAid, we have completed a DE&I maturity index review – an evidence based assessment of our approach across the colleague lifecycle. The findings form a key part of our People Strategy to guide priorities and drive progress in this important area.

We also became a founding partner of Drinks United, a collaboration between the Wine & Spirit Education Trust, the Wine and Spirit Trade Association and The Drinks Trust aimed at creating a safer, more inclusive and equitable environment across the drinks industry.

Our two-year DE&I strategy, launched in January 2024, is built around three priorities:

1. Champion gender diversity with an ambition to achieve 30% representation of women in senior leadership roles by 2026.

By the end of FY2026, over 40% of our senior leaders were women, reflecting continued

progress in gender representation. We remain committed to the FTSE Women Leaders Review and are proud to have met or exceeded its targets, achieving a top 30 FTSE 250 ranking and seventh place within our sector. Diverse hiring panels and gender balanced shortlists continue to support this progress.

2. Increase employment opportunities for people from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Through the partnership we had with Big Issue Recruit, throughout FY2026 we welcomed 10 colleagues into roles across our depot network and customer service teams, supporting access to sustainable employment for individuals facing barriers to work.

3. Create opportunities for all employees to fulfil their potential and take responsibility for their careers.

In FY2026, 33 colleagues participated in apprenticeship programmes across People, Finance, Technology & Digital and Project Management. Our Leading to Win programme returned for aspiring people managers. Colleagues based in Scotland and Ireland completed an Institute of Leadership Management qualification, joining our England-based participants as part of a wider cohort to encourage cross-functional collaboration.

Our core capability programme, Succeed, supported around 350 colleagues and delivered more than 7,000 hours of sales-focused development, underpinning consistent capability building across our sales organisation.





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Gender Pay Gap Reporting

In our 2025 Gender Pay Gap Report, we noted that while our overall gender representation remains broadly unchanged (UK: 26.4% female; Republic of Ireland: 16.3% female), our Mean and Median Gender Pay Gaps continue to be in favour of female employees across both regions. This indicates that, on average, women earn more than men in our UK and Irish businesses, consistent with trends observed in previous years. As highlighted in our pay quartile analysis, female representation in senior roles remains proportionally higher than the overall proportion of women in our workforce. These outcomes continue to reflect the gender distribution across our business areas, with male colleagues more prevalent in Manufacturing, Distribution and Sales, and a higher proportion of female colleagues in Finance, HR and Marketing.

While our 2025 results are positive, we recognise the need for continued progress in improving female representation across the Group.

Female gender representation in the UK

26.4%

Female gender representation in the Republic of Ireland

16.3%

We remain committed to strengthening our female talent pipeline through gender balanced shortlists, diverse hiring panels, and the use of inclusive recruitment practices, while also supporting retention and progression through enhanced learning and development opportunities, clear career pathways and structured succession planning.

Continuous Employee Engagement

In FY2026 we implemented a dynamic and flexible employee engagement platform and launched our Elevate Engagement Survey in November 2025. Colleagues provided highly positive feedback on the survey's simplicity, question design, and ease of participation. We achieved a strong, best in class response rate and benchmarked our results against a Manufacturing & Logistics peer group of 17 UK and Ireland consumer-sector organisations of similar size. From this, we identified four Group-wide priority focus areas, with each function developing its own localised action plans to drive meaningful change.

Our Executive team hosted a series of monthly Coffee Chat sessions, meeting colleagues across functions and locations to discuss challenges and opportunities. These sessions encouraged open discussion, strengthened cross-functional collaboration, and helped teams collectively identify solutions. A Group-wide action tracker ensures ongoing progress, with regular updates shared with colleagues.

As part of our Employee Engagement Non-Executive Directors programme, colleagues across our sites in Glasgow, London,

Birmingham, Dublin and Clonmel attended informal Employee Listening Sessions to ensure that the employee voice is heard in the Boardroom and employee feedback is used in Board decision making.

In addition, two 'Meet the Board' sessions were held in Bristol and Dublin during the year, giving colleagues the opportunity to meet Board members, ask questions and share feedback, and find out about the Board's priorities.

Whistleblowing with Confidence

At C&C, we work hard to foster a safe, inclusive working environment. We have zero-tolerance for all forms of bullying, harassment and discrimination, and we want to ensure that everyone has the ability to speak up about any concerns they may have. We operate a 'Speak Up' whistleblowing platform which is a simple, safe and confidential online platform that allows colleagues and third parties to raise any concerns they may have about any potential wrongdoing.

Human Rights

C&C is committed to doing business with respect for human rights and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure that human rights are not being breached.

These include commitments to:

- supply high quality products that are sourced and manufactured in a fair, ethical and environmentally responsible way;
- have a zero-tolerance approach towards modern slavery and human trafficking within

our business, including our manufacturing and supply chain; and

- encourage our colleagues to report any concerns they may have, and require management to act upon them.

The Group confirms that there were no concerns raised in FY2026 regarding modern slavery, child labour or human trafficking. A copy of our Code of Conduct, Modern Slavery Statement and Human Rights Policy are available on our website www.candcgroupplc.com/policies-and-terms/.

Anti-Bribery & Corruption

Our Code of Conduct and associated policies apply to all colleagues in the Group equally. They outline our zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and clearly set out our expectations of our colleagues in relation to this, so that it is clear to all colleagues what they may or may not do as part of normal business transactions, and they are written to ensure that legitimate and honest business transactions can be distinguished from improper and dishonest transactions. Colleagues are required to complete training on our Code of Conduct and must confirm they have read and understood it.

During FY2026, no incidences of bribery or corruption were uncovered across the Group. A copy of our Code of Conduct is available on our website www.candcgroupplc.com/policies-and-terms/.



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06. Collaborate with Government, NGOs and Industry Programmes

C&C Group is committed to the communities in which it operates and undertakes a range of initiatives that benefit our local communities.



Building Meaningful Charity Partnerships

C&C Group is proud to be part of the communities in which it operates, delivering a range of initiatives that make a positive difference.

The Big Issue Group

C&C Group has enjoyed a three-year partnership with the Big Issue Group ('BIG'), aligning with our charitable agenda across homelessness, addiction, mental health, and poverty. The partnership has supported lasting change for communities and individuals while bringing value to both partners through four established pillars:

Volunteering and Mentoring

BIG Challenge days provide opportunity for immersive team building and for participants to gain a deeper understanding of the life of a Big Issue vendor and the difficulties they face. Across three years, 45 C&C Group colleagues have participated, most recently through our Lead to Win programme in Glasgow and a People Leadership Team event in London.

Sheltered Pitches

Hosting vendors as part of 'Sheltered Pitches' at our sites facilitates a safe and welcoming environment to build a new customer base, increase income and connect with colleagues. We have worked with Big Issue's teams in London, Bristol, Birmingham and Glasgow to offer such



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We would like to sincerely thank C&C Group for the significant impact it has driven by supporting marginalised candidates.”

Lara McCullagh

Group Executive Director
Big Issue Group

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opportunities. The sheltered pitch established at our Wellpark site has been used by local vendors whose sales have all benefitted hugely.

Big Issue Recruit

C&C Group has been a founding partner of Big Issue Recruit, which supports people who face barriers to employment into sustainable work. Over the course of our partnership, 24 candidates have been recruited into C&C Group roles in various sites, as well as the delivery of train the trainer sessions and hiring manager support in dealing with people with additional needs.

Cause Related Marketing and Colleague Fundraising

Colleagues have raised over £37,000 over the three-year partnership through initiatives including quizzes, raffles and walking events.

Other Charity Partnerships

C&C Group continues to support a range of charitable organisations across the UK and Ireland.

As part of brand campaigns, a significant amount of funds have been donated to meaningful causes. Tennent's 'TAPS ON' initiative, as part of its Braving the Summer campaign, highlighted the importance of encouraging us to keep our 'TAPS ON', even when it's 'TAPS AFF' weather through a range of limited-edition t-shirts designed by Scottish comedians. £6,000 was raised for Melanoma UK, a leading charity tackling the sharp rise in skin cancer across the UK.

At Christmas, Tennent's released Christmas Crackers with jokes written by some of Scotland's and Northern Ireland's top comedians, with proceeds going to charities tackling food poverty through the festive period, Well-Fed Scotland and Larder>East in Northern Ireland. Through food provision and community engagement, this initiative ensured households facing the toughest pressures were able to eat well at Christmas, with £5,000 donated to each charity.

In 2025, Matthew Clark again partnered with PubAid and the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group to support the Community Pub Hero Awards, recognising the critical role that hospitality plays across the UK in helping communities. Tennent's has a longstanding partnership with The Benevolent Society of Scotland ('The Ben'), which aids people of all ages who have worked in the licensed trade for at least three years full-time. Beneficiaries receive annual financial assistance as well as discretionary grants for emergency situations. In addition, we support Best Bar None in Scotland, a national accreditation and award scheme for licensed premises. Participants are given support and advice to improve the safety of their employees, premises, and customers and to adopt high management standards.

Trade Bodies

We maintain active trade memberships across Great Britain and Ireland to champion a responsible, innovative, and well-regulated drinks industry. In Great Britain we are members of the Scottish Grocers' Federation, the Wine and Spirit Trade Association, the Scottish Hospitality Group, the National Association of Cider Makers, the British Beer & Pub Association, and the Portman Group.

In Ireland we are members of the Licensed Vintners Association, the Vintners' Federation of Ireland, AICV (the European Cider and Fruit Wine Association), the National Off-Licence Association, the Irish Hotels Federation, the Restaurants Association of Ireland, and Hospitality Ulster.

These relationships provide tangible benefits for our manufacturing and distribution operations: a direct voice and opportunity to engage on policy affecting our business – including excise and duty, packaging and deposit return schemes, and labelling.

Memberships provide access to industry data and best practice on sustainability, safety and compliance; collaboration on skills, standards and training across production and logistics; and stronger networks with retailers, wholesalers and hospitality operators across On and Off-Trade channels. Together, these memberships support reliable supply, category growth and innovation, while helping us advance responsible consumption and a competitive market for customers and consumers.

“It is just so refreshing and inspiring to see local institutions such as Tennent's come together with some of Scotland's brightest comics to support some of Scotland's most disadvantaged families during such difficult times.”

Chris Gray
Managing Director, Well-Fed Scotland