

Kemsley Mill



Kemsley Mill was built by Edward Lloyd in 1924, originally to produce newsprint. At that time, its four paper machines were the largest in the world. The total annual production capacity of the mill today is around 830,000 tonnes and is the second biggest recovered fibre based paper operation in Europe. In 2008 DS Smith invested over £100m to purchase and rebuild PM6 to make lightweight corrugated case material (CCM). Kemsley Mill produces Light Medium Plus, the first recycled lightweight corrugated case material manufactured in the UK.

Milestones

- 1924 Kemsley Mill was built by Edward Lloyd to produce newsprint
- 1936 Bowater's acquired and expanded Kemsley Mill, increasing output on all machines
- 1970s Kemsley has diversified into the production of corrugated case materials and fine papers. A pulp mill was added to produce semi-chemical fluting and PM3 was given a new multi-ply wet end with the 'Manchester Former' configuration to produce corrugated case liner
- 1980s UK Paper completed a management buy-out and the site was split in two. The CCM operation was sold to St Regis. The fine paper operation remained with UK Paper
- 1986 St Regis became part of DS Smith and, since then, its history has been one of constant investment and reshaping to turn it into the UK's leading papermaker
- 2008 DS Smith acquired the entire site and began a heavy program of investment in new infrastructure, ensuring a long and commercially successful future
- 2009 Successful conversion and start-up of PM6 producing lightweight CCM
- 2012 Rebuild of PM3 to enable production of high quality White Liner
- 2020 Energy from Waste plant commercially operational and Warehouse B becomes fully automated

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Machinery

PM3 Fourdrinier machine Grammage range: 115-280 g/m² Production: 290,000 tonnes/year Speed max: 1,100 m/min

Trim max: 5.45 m

PM4 Fourdrinier machine Grammage range: 125-210 g/m² Production: 2500,000 tonnes/year

Speed max: 770 m/min Trim max: 6.20 m

PM6 Fourdrinier machine Grammage range: 85-130 g/m² Production: 290,000 tonnes/year Speed max: 1,100 m/min

Trim max: 6.75 m

Products

White Liner A
White Liner B
Dual Use
Dual Use HP Plus
Light Medium Plus
Liner 3
Plasterboard Liners

Certifications

Quality ISO 9001
Environmental ISO 14001
Safety OHSAS 18001
Energy ISO 50001
Forest Certification
- Chain of Custody

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