

Rising fuel costs make people look for alternatives



Responding to a massive increase in domestic demand for logs, we have now made them available in "dumpy" bags thereby simplifying collection by customers.

Commenting, Retail Manager, Nigel Puddy said: "With the forecast of further increases in the cost of gas, electricity and oil, consumers are looking to reduce their dependency on conventional fuels. Over recent weeks we have seen orders for logs increase by over 60% and we see this trend continuing".

Logs are a far more sustainable source of energy being carbon neutral and obtained from renewable sources. We have led the way in the use of alternative fuel – our on-site kiln that provides a heat treatment facility in the production of pallets for export is fired by reclaimed scrap timber. Pallets damaged beyond repair and offcuts from production lines are passed through a chipping machine and the reduced-size pieces fed automatically into the kiln.



The Somerlap dumpy bag costs £58.50 inclusive of VAT and contains 1 cubic metre of logs. Customers will no longer need to have orders filled by hand and the bag will provide a convenient storage container helping keep the logs dry and free from contamination.

Kiln dried logs are also available by forward order only.

NEW products...



Cottage Sanctuary

Providing a cosy shelter for drinks and al fresco meals, or simply somewhere to sit during the heat of the day, the Cottage Sanctuary will fit into almost every garden with its pleasing, three-dimensional appearance.

W: 1830mm L: 1830mm H: 2400mm
Highest Point 2700mm

**Price, including furniture as shown
£793.13
inc vat**

Bin Hidey

Practicable, transportable and robustly

made, the Somerlap Bin Hidey will provide the answer to the problem of keeping the refuse area tidy.

Available in two different styles, all fixings are of zinc and the timber is treated with brown Cuprinol to provide long life.

**Bin Store W: 850 D: 730 H: 1180-1260mm
£193.88 inc vat**
**Palisade W: 820 D: 720 H: 147mm
£99.88 inc vat (as illustrated)**

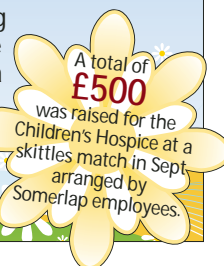


Somerlap Charity of Choice

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is a registered charity dedicated to the provision of hospice care for life limited children and their families living in the southwest.

Presently the charity has two centres, Little Bridge House in North Devon and Charlton Farm in North Somerset – each costing some £3 million a year to run. Efforts are now in hand to raise some £6 million to establish a third centre in Cornwall.

CHSW is Somerlap's charity of choice and staff will be contributing throughout the year through a variety of schemes. We shall also be contributing products and supplies towards the installation of a "Sunken Retreat" garden for the children designed and constructed by award winning local gardener, Mark Walker.



A total of **£500** was raised for the Children's Hospice at a skittles match in Sept arranged by Somerlap employees.



Garden furniture sales are good

Despite the poor summer weather, sales of garden furniture to pubs and restaurants have been remarkably good which implies that in terms of design, build quality and price, we have got it just about right.

A typical customer is the Malt Shovel Inn at Cannington who enhanced their garden area with a round table, bench seats and umbrellas.

Sales to schools have also been good notably Pucklechurch CE VC Primary who, in addition to a run of fencing, took three Omega Top Arches with seats, three Kingston benches and a Studland gazebo.



Novel use of fencing panels

Debbie Hancock, owner of the Oaktree Leisure residential and holiday caravan site at Edithmead near Highbridge, has come up with a novel application for our decorative fencing panels.

Nine Omega Lattice panels have been mounted on castors to provide not only effective and attractive screening between tables in the club dining room, but also a system that can be easily manoeuvred to meet a specific seating requirement.

SPECIAL OFFERS just a click away

In 2009 we will be making a series of offers on various products.

For information and up-to-date listings click on:

www.somerlap.net - garden products

(Don't worry if you don't have a computer – just ring us for details).



Chris O'Liss

Chris O'Liss was the name
Of a grubby little tyke
Who always knew that one day he
Would be somebody I'd like

He stayed in bed all day long
With curtains fully drawn,
Dreaming of the way he'd look
In the clothes he'd never worn

And then at last his moment came
He emerged one sunny day
And fluttered by as a butterfly
And took my breath away



