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A capital contribution from the Green Business Fund will save Wai Yee Hong Ltd over £3,000 a year.

The Chinese supermarket upgraded their lighting with financial assistance from the Carbon Trust’s SME support scheme. As a result, the project will reduce the company’s energy spend with annual savings of 950,000 kWh.

Wai Yee Hong is a family-run Chinese supermarket committed to providing quality oriental goods to both wholesale and retail customers. Since opening in 1981, they have become the largest supplier of oriental goods in the South West. They now trade from the Eastgate Oriental City complex in Bristol and deliver to over 100 takeaways and restaurants 6 days a week.

Procurement Manager, Greg Short married into the family business after meeting his wife at university. Coming from a software engineering background, it was different to what he was used to, but he still found many transferable skills from his years in the IT industry.

“We pride ourselves on providing our customers with great choice, great service and fair pricing, which we feel is why our customers keep coming back to us. Similarly, our staff tend to stick with us because they know that we will look out for them and some of them have been working with us for decades.” notes Short. Providing a safe and efficient work and shopping environment for the employees and customers alike, was one of the many reasons that led the company to explore LED lighting for their large retail and warehouse space - an obvious place to start for reducing their carbon footprint and ongoing costs.

Short describes the application process for a capital contribution from the scheme as “very straight-forward and easy to complete”. He also praises the Carbon Trust for their assistance resolving issues related to the application, which made correcting information quick and easy.

“We have been pleased with the level of communication we have had with the Carbon Trust over the the funding towards our upgrade.”

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The lighting project will make the business annual energy savings of 950,000 kWh, which equates to 10.27 tonnes of CO₂ per year. The $4,000 capital contribution from the Green Business Fund made the project much more affordable and it is projected to pay back within 2-3 years.

Wai Yee Hong Ltd have future plans to continue to reduce their carbon footprint, with upgrading their refrigeration system as the next project on their list. They have also registered to attend free Green Business Fund webinars to learn more about this opportunity and additional energy saving measures they can implement going forward.

“We are delighted to have reduced our carbon footprint whilst providing a more comfortable shopping experience for our customers, with help from the Carbon Trust. Applying for the Green Business Fund was an easy and efficient process and we would recommend other businesses to consider accessing the fund to become more energy efficient too.”

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