

## Press Release

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# Sibelco sand donation marks 25 years of support for Buckland Athletic Football Club



Sibelco has continued its long-running support for Buckland Athletic Football Club with its annual delivery of specialist drainage sand to help maintain the club's playing surface ahead of the new season.

The support, which has now continued for around 25 years, forms part of Sibelco's wider commitment to supporting community organisations, sports clubs and local initiatives across South Devon.

The top-dressing sand is used as part of the club's ongoing pitch maintenance programme, helping to improve drainage and playing conditions for the hundreds of players who use the facilities each year, from youth football through to the club's senior teams.



Buckland Athletic, based in Newton Abbot, plays an important role in the local sporting community, providing opportunities for players of all ages and serving as a hub for grassroots football.

Sibelco's support for the club reflects the company's long-term approach to investing in the community in the areas around its South Devon operations.

Each year, Sibelco supports dozens of local organisations and good causes, including junior and adult sports clubs, schools, environmental charities, arts and community projects, local events and fundraising initiatives. Alongside financial donations, the company also provides practical assistance and support in kind to a wide range of community organisations.

**Richard Giles, Kingsteignton Manager (Operations) for Sibelco**, said: "We believe it is important to support the communities around our South Devon operations and the organisations that help bring people together.

"Grassroots sports clubs such as Buckland Athletic play an important role in local life, providing opportunities for people of all ages to take part in sport and be part of their community. We are pleased to continue supporting the club and the important role it plays within the local community."

**John Piller, Chairman of Buckland Athletic Football Club**, said: "Buckland Athletic Football Club would like to recognise and place on record our sincere thanks to Sibelco for their continued support of our club and the local community - a relationship which has now surpassed a quarter of a century.

"The delivery of top-dressing sand each year, generously supplied free of charge, enables us to maintain and improve the quality of our football pitches for players of all ages.

"This incredible support, over the last 25 years, benefits not only our three senior teams, but also the many youth teams who use our facilities every week. Sibelco's contribution plays a vital role in helping us provide a safe and enjoyable environment for grassroots football in the community. We are extremely grateful for Sibelco's long-standing partnership and commitment to supporting local sport."

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### Picture Caption:

L/R: John Piller (Buckland Athletic Football Club Chairman); Richard Giles, Kingsteignton Manager (Operations) for Sibelco; Rob Moore (Buckland Athletic Football Club Vice Chairman); Peter Watkins, Sibelco Processing Supervisor; and Darrin Hewings, Sibelco Quarries Supervisor; following Sibelco's annual delivery of drainage sand to the club.

## About Sibelco

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