

No. 1 Balloon Street

'The greenest refurbishment project in the UK'

1 Pollution eating plants

The bank has placed special plants around the branch which, based on NASA research, have been shown to improve indoor air quality. The plants' leaves and roots, and the bacteria that live on them, take in airborne pollutants and assimilate them, producing harmless by-products. For example the Areca palm (*Chrysalidocarpus lutescens*) has been shown to be particularly adept at removing toluene and xylene from the indoor environment.

2 Air Conditioning and Fire Control

The air conditioning and fire control systems utilise natural substances, instead of the likes of HFCs and HCFCs, which can have global warming potentials more than a thousand times higher.

3 Electricity

The branch's electricity is 100% renewable, supplied by UK wind turbines. Energy efficient light bulbs reduce the energy required to light the branch, and last longer than ordinary bulbs.

4 Carpets

The carpets are manufactured by a company using 100% renewable electricity. At the end of the carpet's useful life, it will be returned to the company for re-use and recycling.

5 Ceiling tiles

The ceiling tiles are made from 79% recycled material (much of which is paper), and are designed to have a highly reflective surface, reducing the amount of energy needed to light the branch.

6 Paint

The white wall paint is made from entirely natural ingredients, and contains no synthetic chemicals. The coloured wall paints are all water based.

7 Wood and veneer

The branch furniture and counter are made from Forestry Stewardship Council certified wood, demonstrating that it is sourced from sustainably managed forests.

8 Tea and coffee

The tea and coffee available for customers all carries the fair trade mark. This guarantees a fair wage for farmers in developing countries.

9 Flat screen computers

Flat screen monitors use up to five times less energy than a traditional monitor.

10 Paper

Customers will be encouraged to recycle their holiday brochures in a specially provided bin. The majority of bank paper is now recycled and totally chlorine-free. The lining paper on the plasterboard is also made from recycled paper.

