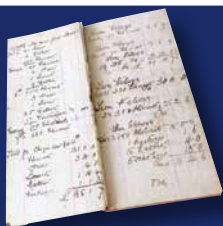


### 1869 to 1939

**1869**  
Joshua Pearce founds the Pearce family firm in St Albans, Hertfordshire.

**1874**  
Trading from the Sugarloaf Pub, the business grows and trades in metals, rags and paper.

**1902**  
Granted the licence to trade in pelts. Selling for eight pounds, eight shillings and nine pence.



Purchased the clock tower shop, St Albans, renting space in it for meat and poultry refrigeration.

**1910**  
Joshua Pearce Jr takes over the business with his brother, Charles.

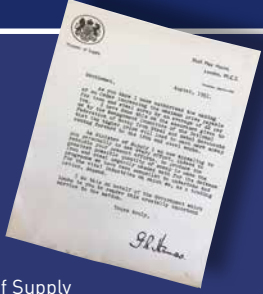
**1918**  
Donations from Electric Coliseum Cinema, Watford given to the allied effort, Queen Alexandra's Fighting Fund. We become the Hertfordshire area agent for the collection of rabbit skins.

Contract with the War Office to remove wrecked vehicles from the battlefields of France.

### 1940 to 1970

**1940**  
Edgar P. C. Pearce (Eddie), son of Charles, amalgamates the businesses and continues the tradition of working in recyclables.

**1947**  
First weighbridge installed on site in St Albans.



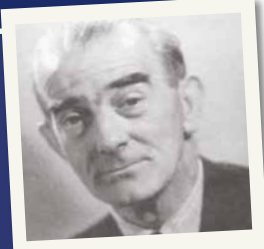
**1951**  
Ministry of Supply raises the price payable on steel and iron to an average of £2 (above).

**1960**  
Move to our current location at Acrewood Way, St Albans.

**1965**  
We partner with J&J Maybank, the largest European Waste Paper Consortium.



**Edgar A. C. Pearce served as President of the Textiles Association and also President of the St Albans Chamber of Commerce.**



Edgar P. C. Pearce



Edgar A. C. Pearce

### 1971 to 1989

**1977**  
Arthur Bailey, our longest serving member of staff, celebrates 50 years with us.

**1980**  
We acquire and manage Luton Waste Paper Company.

**1983**  
Simon M. Pearce becomes MD of Pearce Waste Paper in St Albans.

**1985**  
Milton Keynes site opened under the name, British Recycling Company.

**1987**  
Through mergers the Pearce Recycling Group is formed.



**James A. Pearce (Jim) was a founding member of the Waste Paper Association. He oversaw the paper side of the business.**

Jim also served as President of the St Albans Rotary Club.



James A. Pearce

### 1990 to 2004

**1990**  
We acquire the Portland Waste Group.

**1992**  
We acquire Cosby Security Group, becoming Secure Destruction Ltd.

**1995**  
Form a partnership with ICS (Insurance Courier Group).



**1997**  
Paper Planet is formed for office recycling.



**1998**  
Joint venture launched with Hays PLC, forming Hays Secure Destruction. Then acquire Hays PLC, Securicor Office Services PLC and merge with Hays Secure Destruction.



**1999: We planted our 10,000th tree in Highfield Park, St Albans and commemorated the passing of James A. Pearce 'Jim'.**

**2003**  
Pearce buy Hays PLC out from Secure Destruction.



Simon M. Pearce

### 2005 to Present

**2005**  
Sold service of confidential waste to Iron Mountain.



**2008**  
Become the approved domestic recycling facility for Hertfordshire County Council.

**2009**  
Acquire KenBay, with a bespoke compaction site in Verwood, Dorset.



**2011**  
Partnership formed with Timberpak Egger for wood recycling.

**2016**  
Joint venture launched with Timberpak Egger.



**2017...**  
We open bespoke confidential waste site in Luton.

**2007**  
Acquire ECObed.



Paper Planet Tree Plant