

Good Food Oxford Ltd

Net Zero Policy Statement



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Good Food Oxford Ltd is a very small backbone organisation with three part-time employees, and our activities are not generally considered as producing large amounts of greenhouse gases. Regardless, we believe in leading by example and try to reduce our already small carbon footprint as much as possible. Our travel policy encourages the use of public transport and active travel (cycling and walking); we use local sustainable providers of vegetarian and vegan food for our team and public events; our website is hosted carbon neutral in the UK by [ecohosting.co.uk](https://www.ecohosting.co.uk) and we operate from a shared office (run by a social enterprise) to maximise energy efficiency. We remain open to any suggestions on how we could improve on that.

But our contribution towards carbon neutrality goes further than our small size would suggest. Our main contribution to achieving carbon neutrality is through the support we provide to the members of our network, which includes local organic farmers, box delivery schemes, food surplus cafes and local community growing projects. The [Oxford Good Food Charter](#), which all our members have signed, has three strands. One of these is “Good for the Planet”, under which we advocate, in our network and beyond, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions at all points in the food chain from field to fork. We encourage short local supply chains using environmentally friendly production, distribution and operating standards; among other points, we promote the growing and consumption of plant-based food and the reduction of food waste. We are passionate about food and deeply concerned about the impact of food production, processing and consumption on greenhouse gas emissions. In all that we do, we aim to make information on carbon neutrality more accessible, share experiences and encourage best practice.

We have been working with Low Carbon Oxford which has a membership of over 40 diverse organisations, including large employers, to reduce carbon emissions in Oxford, and we support the Net Zero Initiative. We secured a Sustainable Food Places Bronze Award for Oxford in 2018 and are now working towards a Silver Award by the end of 2021.