



THE CAMBRIDGE *green* CHALLENGE



Welcome to our Environmental Sustainability Summary 2018/19

It's a snapshot of the work that happened during the academic year to reduce our negative environmental impacts and create a sustainable University.

There have been some real highlights this year, as well as some areas where we know we need to do more – and we are committed to doing so.



To read the full Annual Report please go to
www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/Annual-Report

Carbon and energy

First University in the world to announce Science Based Target for carbon reduction



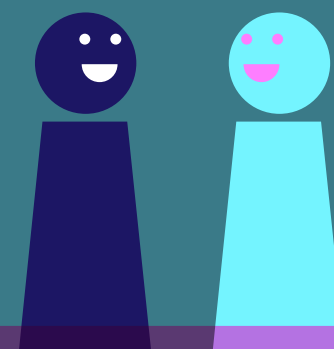
Focussed on improving data on our Scope 3 emissions



7%

Carbon emissions from energy fell by 7% to 57,872 tonnes CO₂e

Recycling and waste



Reduced waste to landfill for the third year running



50,000

Catering Service banned single-use plastic bottles – preventing 50,000 going to landfill



Biodiversity

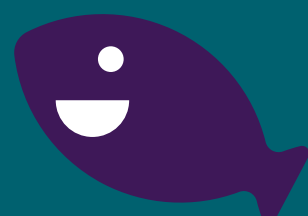
Developing the University's first ever Biodiversity Action Plan



Sustainable food



Sustainability Award
from the Universities
Catering Organisation

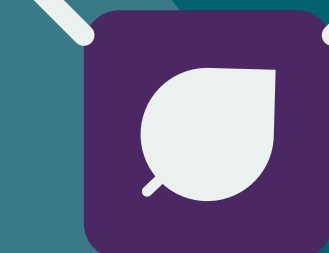


33%

reduction in carbon
footprint of food

Implemented Sustainable Food
Policy – removing red meat from
menus; increasing plant-based
options; using no unsustainable
fish; and reducing food waste

Sustainable procurement



University-wide review of how
we buy our goods and services

ISO

We're committed to
achieving ISO20400 – an
international standard on
sustainable procurement

Travel and transport

69%

of staff already use
sustainable modes



Carbon emissions from
flights are still significant,
so we need to do more



New Transport
Strategy published

Excellent

BREEAM 'Excellent' ratings for the Chemistry of Health Building and the University Library Offsite Store

New sustainable construction standards for the University

Water

3.6%

increase in water use, this is an area where we need to do more



Looking to develop a water management plan in the future

Partnership and engagement

14%

increase in Environment and Energy Coordinators network – now has 112 members

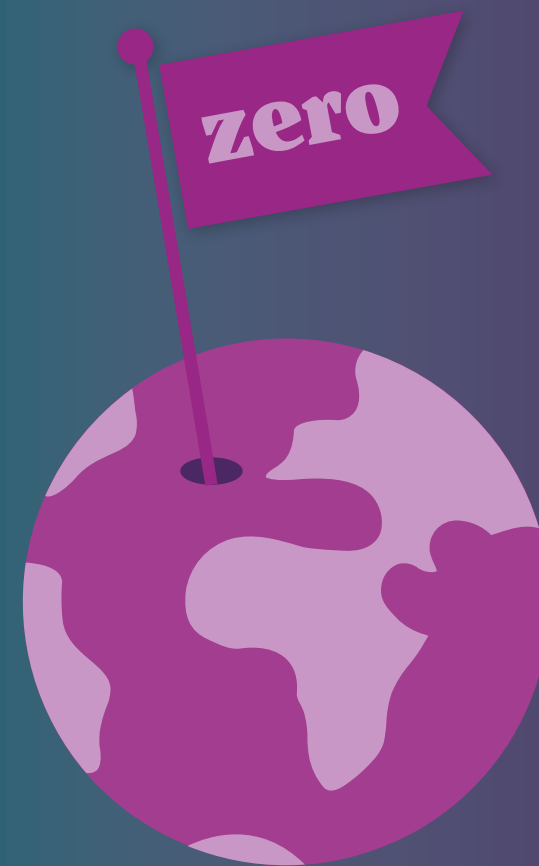
2,300

actions completed by Green Impact teams

50

Green Impact awards

Launch of Cambridge Zero – harnessing our expertise to develop real world climate change solutions



First

year of Engage for Change

40

students completed 43 projects

Engage for Change highly commended in Green Gown Awards

127 students and 34 staff took part in Living Lab projects



Rise to the Cambridge Green Challenge

Everyone has a role to play in reducing our environmental impact and creating a sustainable University. Collectively all of our actions add up to make a big impact.

The Cambridge Green Challenge is our way of building a sustainable University, and you can get involved in lots of different ways:

Become an ambassador for environmental issues as an Environment and Energy Coordinator.

Join a Green Impact team and make real environmental change in your department.

Test out your research on the University estate through a Living Lab project.

Download posters, stickers and all the resources you need to spread the sustainable message.

Keep up to date with the latest sustainable news and events with our Greenlines newsletter.

Gamify your sustainable solutions and enter The Carbon Challenge.

Find out more and get involved



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