

Highlights

In a year that has seen continued uncertainty, the University has stayed committed to its environmental sustainability goals.

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER 2021/22...

We remain on track to meet our science based carbon reduction target, in part due to the zero carbon electricity from our Power Purchase Agreement.

The University adopted new Guidelines for Sustainable Business Travel, encouraging a reduction in non-essential travel to cut associated carbon impacts.

The Carbon Offsetting Working Group developed a bespoke offsetting scheme, identifying measures to offset our unavoidable business travel emissions.

New procurement frameworks prioritise sustainability and ask suppliers to further reduce and manage their environmental impact.

The highly sustainable BREEAM Excellent West Hub opened to academics, researchers, students, staff, businesses and the wider community.

The Entopia Building officially opened in spring 2022 and was awarded the EnerPHit Classic certification by the Passivhaus Institut*.

Wildflower areas were created across the estate, including at the Institute for Manufacturing, West Cambridge and at the Fitzwilliam Museum.

Around 43% of staff have been working from home. Of those travelling in, 44% cycle and 12% walk.

Universal Bus passenger numbers continued to rise, with figures back to almost 60,000 a month.

In the tenth year of Green Impact, 42 teams achieved 43 unique awards and completed over 2,100 actions.

In the Green Impact College awards, no team achieved lower than Gold, with eight awarded Platinum.

Cambridge Zero launched the Postgraduate Academy, bringing together postgraduate students from all disciplines working on climate change and net zero.

At COP26, Cambridge Zero was part of the Futures We Want project, exploring what a climate-resilient, net-zero world could look like.

Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership saw significant growth in its online education programmes and advisory services. Three new courses were introduced with over 8,600 participants.

The University, alongside Trinity and Jesus Colleges, won a Green Gown Award in the Money For Good category for effective engagement with the banking sector on climate finance.

*Being outside of our reporting year ended 31st July 2022, this building is not included in External awards for sustainable construction/design KPI in our Environmental Sustainability Report 2021-22 on page 36.

