

BLENHEIM

Sustainability Policy

The climate and nature crises are the most urgent threats to our past heritage, our present communities and our future survival. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site and landowner rooted in our communities, we are uniquely positioned to drive sustainability both locally and internationally. We know we're here for the long term so we strive to go beyond sustainability, to ensure our people and places not only sustain but regenerate, adapt and thrive. We are committed to ambitious action to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, and to contribute to limiting global warming to the 1.5°C increase set by The Paris Agreement, in line with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Scope of impacts

As a UNESCO World Heritage Site and working estate covering over 12,000 acres and several SSSI, Blenheim is responsible for managing and reducing significant and varied environmental impact. We are committed to action in the following areas:

 BLENHEIM PALACE	 BLENHEIM ESTATE
Carbon	Carbon
Energy	Conservation
Events	Energy
Procurement	Land management
Visitor travel	Procurement
Waste	Waste
Water	Water

Strategic aims

Our Green Report sets out our carbon footprint and reduction targets, whilst our Land Strategy sets out our plans to make our land benefit our communities and neighbours, encourage local jobs and skills, create accessible connections and achieve carbon-negative land management. We have pledged to reach net zero across scopes 1-3 of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol by 2027, to reduce our carbon footprint by 5% year-on-year and to become a net generator of renewable energy. This work is made possible by the support of our visitors, partners and communities.

Blenheim commits to transparency, by regularly communicating our progress both internally and externally. We take a two-pillared approach to sustainability.

Aim 1: To measure, improve and report on our sustainability through carbon reduction and wider environmental improvement targets.

Aim 2: To drive forward, embed and amplify sustainability locally, nationally and internationally through our partnerships and leadership within our sectors. We aim to develop a model of sustainability that employs innovative leadership and systems, and can be adapted and applied by others.

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Objectives

Building upon these goals and our sustainability aims, Blenheim is working towards two sets of objectives:

Leadership

- Partner with other sites in the heritage sector and UNESCO
- Deploy innovative technologies to measure and mitigate our impact

Blenheim Palace

- Retain our Green Tourism gold accreditation
- Work with our partners to reduce the carbon footprint of our procurement and events
- Incentivise our visitors and staff to travel sustainably to site

Blenheim Estate

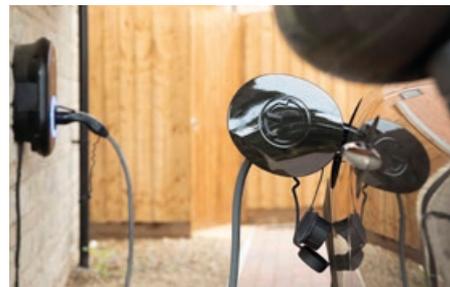
- Work with our partners and communities to become a carbon-negative estate
- Become a net generator of renewable energy
- Pioneer land regeneration projects with our partners

Pye Homes and Blenheim Estate Contractors Limited (BECL)

- Upgrade 75% of our portfolio to EPC C by 2028 and build all new homes to EPC A standard by 2023
- Build all new homes without fossil fuel heating systems by 2024
- Include EV charging in all new properties from 2023 and build all new homes EV-ready by 2025

Measure, improve and report

- Reach net zero across scopes 1-3 of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol by 2027
- Reduce our carbon footprint by 5% year-on-year
- Report and measure our annual carbon footprint
- Measured reductions in water use, waste generation, energy consumption and energy-related emissions against our targets



2022 marks the halfway point in reaching our 10 Year Goals. Blenheim has made progress towards these objectives, including:

- Gathering and understanding environmental data
- Investing in key infrastructure, such as low-temperature hot water heating and LED lighting in the Palace
- Appointing a full-time Sustainability Lead to deliver our objectives
- Building new networks and partnerships, with the University of Oxford, Sustainable Woodstock, Treasure Houses of England, Fit For Future, Morgan Sindall Group and Natural England, to name a few

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Our action plan

To support us in achieving our aims, our environmental impacts will be reported annually, and progress against our environmental aims and objectives will be communicated on a continuing basis both internally and externally.

Blenheim will communicate this Sustainability Policy to all employees and key stakeholders and will make it freely available to visitors and the public. This policy will be applied to all activities carried out by Blenheim. The policy is endorsed at senior board level and reviewed systematically by Blenheim's Senior Management Team. The Sustainability Lead and business-wide Green Champions are responsible for ensuring this policy is embedded into the culture of all our operations. The CEO is personally responsible for the sustainable performance of Blenheim and reporting this to the Trustees.



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