

Our Environmental Impact

We know that environmental issues are a major concern for our applicants, and we cannot ignore the changes which need to be made to create a more sustainable future. We are committed to reducing our impact on the planet, appreciating our beautiful surroundings and creating green, environmentally-friendly spaces for our students to enjoy on campus.



Through energy efficiency and renewable energy programmes we expect to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by more than 80% by 2030.



We are currently trialling a coffee cup recycling scheme on the main teaching campus. A cup levy of 20p is already in place to encourage use of washable cups on campus.

Work to install solar panels on many of our academic buildings is due to begin in autumn 2020.

We are officially a Hedgehog Friendly Campus due to the work our Grounds team do to protect hedgehogs across our sites.



Our very successful waste management scheme means that we have achieved zero waste to landfill every year since 2016. Almost all of our waste is recycled, and the small amount that can't be recycled is used for energy generation.



A refurbishment project at City Residence accommodation site is currently underway to upgrade heating systems, replace windows and install insulation, significantly improving the energy efficiency of the accommodation.

A long-term project to improve the energy efficiency of our facilities is underway. We also have an ongoing project to replace all lights with LED alternatives.

Students can get involved in both the Environmental Society and the Green Ambassador programme through the Students' Union, Student volunteers engage with environmental and sustainability initiatives on campus and in the wider community, such as litter picking and the University's environmental and sustainability network.

To enhance biological diversity and abundance a comprehensive Biodiversity Plan will be fully implemented over the next three years.



In September 2019 staff and students attended the Climate Strike in York, part of the global movement to demand action on climate change.

Our campus is home to a wildlife garden, kestrel and peregrine bird boxes and insect hotels.

At our Haxby Road site the grounds team have worked with the Rotary Club of York and The Woodland Trust to plant over 1,000 native trees. This area also includes community apple orchards, allotments, bee hives and two wildlife ponds. We have planted tansy plants to help the endangered tansy beetle, which only lives along the banks of the river Ouse in York.



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