

Sustainability Initiatives

Our Pledge:

We have pledged to be Net Zero by 2030 inclusive of Scope 1, 2 and 3. This will involve the reduction of 80% of our emissions based on 2019.

Key Steps to our pledge:

CO2e Reduction:

- Reduce CO2e emissions by 45% against base year by the end of 2024.
- Reduce CO2e emissions by 50% against base year by the end of 2025.
- Reduce CO2e emissions by 60% against base year by the end of 2026.
- Reduce CO2e emissions by 65% against base year by the end of 2027.
- Reduce CO2e emissions by 70% against base year by the end of 2028.
- Reduce CO2e emissions by 75% against base year by the end of 2029.
- Reduce CO2e emissions by 80% against base year by the end of 2030.

Recycling:

- Increase our Recycling to 50% by the end of 2023.
- Increase our Recycling to 60% by the end of 2024.
- Increase our Recycling to 70% by the end of 2025.
- Increase our Recycling to 80% by the end of 2026.
- Increase our Recycling to 85% by the end of 2028.
- Increase our Recycling to 90% by the end of 2029.

What are we doing:

Governance and Finance:

Investments

We have divested all our investments away from Fossil Fuels.

Culture and Values Committee:

We have a full culture and values committee that sits under our board that has oversight of our full ESG policies and procedures.



Travel Policy:

We do not pay expenses for, or book, domestic flights (other than to Northern Ireland) for staff travel, except in emergencies. We ask that all staff travel to the ground by public transport if possible.

Frameworks and Initiatives:

UN Sport for Climate Action Framework

In 2023 we became signatories of the UN Sport for Climate Action Framework. By signing up to the Sports for Climate Action Framework we have joined the UN Race to Zero Campaign.

Net Zero Carbon Events Initiative

In 2023 we became signatories of the Net Zero Carbon Events Initiative. By signing up to this initiative we are working closing with our event organisers and suppliers to ensure that the events that we host are as sustainable as possible.

Accreditation:

Greengage ECOSmart

We are platinum certified, the highest available, for our sustainable operations by Greengage.

Green Tourism:

We are Green Tourism and Green Meeting Silver certified.

Software:

Persefoni:

In mid-2023 we decided to move away from using consultancies and decided to start conducting carbon footprint inhouse. We signed up with Persefoni as our Carbon Footprint Software to help us ensure that our carbon footprint data is clear and concise.



Facilities:

Renewable Tariff:

We are on a fully renewable energy tariff via ENGIE.

Solar Panels:

We have solar panels installed on the Galadari Stand with plans for additional panels on the JM Finn stand within the next two years.

Building Management System (BMS):

We use our building management system to control all heating and lighting in our new stand – we are investing in a new BMS in the Pavilion and Bedser Stand and a full upgrade in the JM Finn Stand to allow us greater control.

Automatic Meter Readers (AMRs):

We have installed AMRs on all our gas meters with Electric and Water meters being completed before the end of 2023.

Lighting:

All the lighting in shared areas is on a motion sensor to conserve electricity. We are in the process of changing every light in the ground to LED, a less energy intensive bulb that requires less resources for manufacturing. This includes changing our Floodlights to LED.

Living Roof:

We have a living roof on our Galadari stand with plans to expand them soon.

Living Wall:

At The JM Finn side of the ground, we have a large living wall which helps with the air quality within the ground.

Water Fountains:

We have 20 water fountains around the ground to encourage the use of reusable bottles at events.

Small electrical equipment purchases:

All small electrical equipment purchased must be at least A rating or above.

Gas infrastructure:

We are not installing or buying any new gas equipment unless necessary.

Cleaning and Bathrooms:

Cheeky Panda:

We have changed all tissue in the toilets to cheeky panda, a carbon balanced bamboo tissue. This saves 11 tons of CO₂e per year by comparison to virgin tissue.

Water Saving Devices:

We have water saving devices installed in all our toilets and we are in the process of changing all taps to push taps within the ground.

ODURBAC TEC4

Other than specialist products all our cleaning is completed using ODURBAC which is completely free of hazardous chemicals. This is also a closed loop product as they collect all the empty bottles to be cleaned and refilled.

Sanitary Products:

We offer complimentary organic cotton sanitary products in our toilets. For every 10 Aunt Flow period products purchased by us, 1 is donated to Girls Active programs across the UK. In partnership with the Youth Sport Trust.



Waste Management:

Waste Streams:

We have 10 waste streams at The Kia Oval, and we encourage our staff to bring in their hard to recycle at home waste such as batteries, WEEE, and plastic bags – all of which we can recycle onsite.

ORCA:

We have two anaerobic digesters, called ORCAs onsite (one in each of the Galadari, JM Finn and Pavilion Stands).

Food and Beverage:

Containers:

All food and beverage containers at the Kia Oval are either reusable or compostable.

Klimato:

All our hospitality and events menus have a carbon footprint associated with them, so clients can make the more sustainable choice to complete their event.

Menus:

All our menus are plant forward and contain at least 40% plant-based ingredients.

Food Miles:

All our food is sustainably sourced using local and seasonal food, additionally we do not use any air freight to reduce the carbon impact of the food distribution.

Water:

All our water for our non-matchday business is filtered and bottled onsite to reduce transport emissions.