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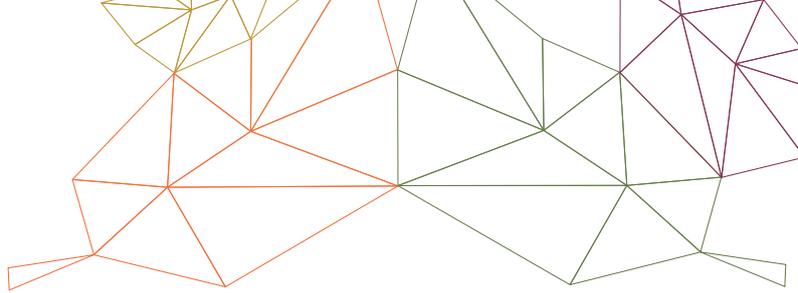




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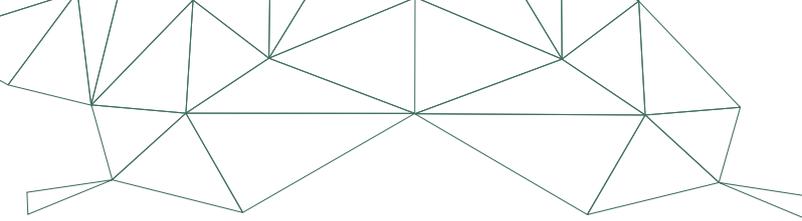


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Introduction

From Professor Irene Tracey, Vice-Chancellor

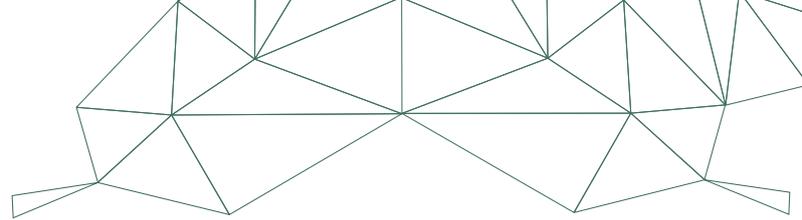
I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and that of my colleagues for the talent and commitment of all those involved in our work to promote environmental sustainability. With each passing year the evidence of the negative effects of environmental crisis mounts inexorably. I think we can all take pride in what we as a University have already achieved; our work has a positive impact both locally, through our day-to-day choices and actions, and globally, through our research, teachings and the example we set.

There is no doubt that the environmental challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss are the greatest ones we are facing. We have done a great deal – researching possible solutions and mitigations, innovating to put our research to work in the world, and teaching the leaders of tomorrow how to think about these complex and challenging issues. We are planning to pilot interdisciplinary programmes which will use the lens of the climate crisis to equip our students with a wider variety of tools to tackle the challenges they will face in the future, helping scientists to write and debate, and humanities students to work with data.





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Introduction

From Harriet Waters, Head of Environmental Sustainability



We have such a dedicated and talented network of people in the University who are contributing to improve our Environmental Sustainability impact, be that in research, education, operations or leadership. The Vice Chancellor's Awards for Environmental Sustainability is an opportunity to thank you all for being such brilliant partners on this path to sustainability.

This year we marked two years since the adoption of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy. We are working hard with partners from across the University to deliver our goals of net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain by 2023.

We started this year with the Be Energy Friendly campaign asking everyone to take a few essential steps to reduce energy consumption. Running the first ever University and colleges coordinated energy saving campaign in conjunction with implementing new energy policies proved that together we can deliver positive change. The Be Energy Friendly campaign resulted in

a 17% reduction in gas consumption over the winter months which is equivalent to emissions reduction of 3,400 tCO₂e.

For biodiversity we have collated all of the different data which exists across our land – this gives us the ability to work out how best to set up a baseline. Many of you contributed to our local biodiversity by participating in the Good Gardener campaign and you can expect to see many more wildflower patches across the University estates and colleges in bloom soon.

On February we celebrated our first ever Green Action Week delivered by the University community. Over 50 events presented diverse ways in which Environmental Sustainability touches our lives. From pure knowledge on how the world around us operates to enjoying the outdoors, improving our wellbeing, inspiring our arts and even having a good laugh on a Climate Change comedy night. Again, the power and creativity of our community went beyond anything we could have ever imagined.

All of these, and more, would not be achievable without the involvement and support from the University community, staff and students, for which we are grateful and proud to be a part of this journey.

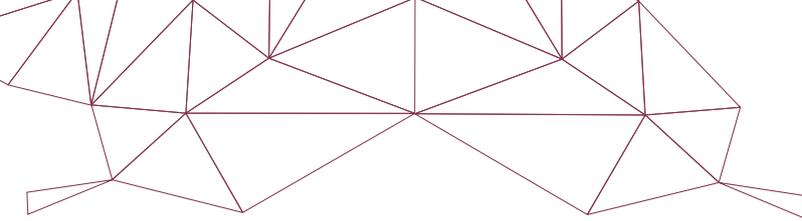
Thank you all for taking part in this incredible work.



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Sustainability Photographer of the Year Awards 2021



Special Awards



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Special Awards Environmental Sustainability Project Awards



WINNERS

Net Zero Tracker

Project Lead: John Lang, Net Zero Tracker Project Lead and
Thomas Hale, Professor in Global Public Policy

The Net Zero Tracker catalogues net zero pledges made across the globe and determines their integrity or ability to deliver. From nation states to the world's largest companies, the Net Zero Tracker assesses our shared commitments to cut emissions and limit global warming. Analysing factors such as the inclusion of Scope 3 emissions and reliance on international offsetting, it provides a comprehensive overview of these pledges, increasing both transparency and accountability. Over 250 Oxford students have contributed to the Net Zero Tracker and taken part in coding, building into a resource that has been accessed by 83,000 online users in the past year alone.

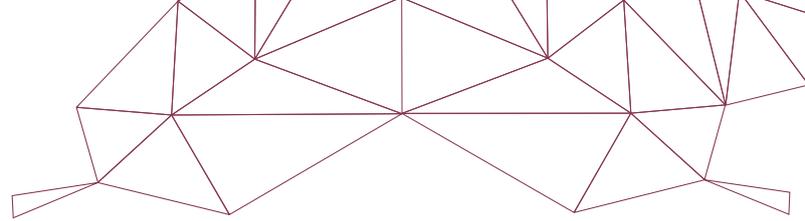


“Remarkably, net zero has now gone fully mainstream, but not all net zero pledges are created equal. As targets and pledges proliferate, this tracker will shine a light on which ones are genuinely ambitious, comprehensive, transparent and accountable.”

Thomas Hale



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RUNNERS-UP

Nature Positive Universities

Project Lead: Emily Stott, Research Coordinator - Nature Positive Universities

Nature Positive Universities is a global alliance of educational institutions committed to understanding and improving their biodiversity impacts by addressing factors such as supply chains and land use. The alliance was formed in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Oxford University as a part of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. It has grown rapidly with over 500 partner institutions and 200 Student Ambassadors to date. Furthermore, senior leadership from 130 universities have now taken the 'Nature Positive Pledge' to begin a journey towards meaningfully addressing their impact on nature.

"Nature Positive Universities built on the momentum of the Nature Positive movement of NGOs, businesses, and national commitments leading up to Biodiversity COP15, and has established a broad community of institutions and students worldwide acting together for nature." **Emily Stott**



Nature Positive Universities in Benin.

Christ Church Floodplain Meadow Restoration

Project Lead: John James, Head Gardener, Christ Church

The Christ Church Floodplain Meadow Restoration project has revived floral biodiversity in the area, with sightings of species integral to the resilience of meadows including yellow rattle. The project included spreading green hay and, where needed, new seeds or plug plants have been thoughtfully introduced.

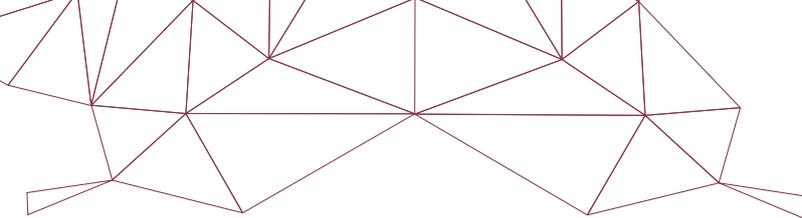
Not unlike a good ecosystem the Christ Church garden team has worked in collaboration with a great deal of partners including writer and environmentalist Catriona Bass, as well as her two projects: Thames Valley Wildflower Meadow Restoration and Care Farming.

"This project is a pioneering example of how successful floodplain meadow restoration can be."

Sarah Budzior, Head of Communications, Christ Church



Christ Church Meadow Restoration Project.



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NOMINATIONS

ORA Climate Research Collection

Project Lead: Jason Partridge, Open Access Service Manager, Collections Management, Bodleian Libraries

The Climate Research Collection is a specialised online portal within the Oxford Research Archive (ORA) providing free and open access to cutting-edge climate research. Since launching, the Climate Research Collection has been viewed over 132,000 times with about 10,000 unique records accessed.

The Oxford Green Estate

Project Lead: Celia Meacham, Senior Rural Estates Surveyor and Nigel Fisher, Conservator of Wytham Woods

The formation of the Oxford Green Estate is a new initiative within Estates Services to provide greater coordination and strategic alignment for the management of Oxford's landholdings. The project will



Oxford Green Estate.

promote sustainable practice in land management and access to green space for research and teaching.

Ground Source Heat Pump installation and Energy Centre

Project Lead: Mr Jonathan Down, House Surveyor, Christ Church

Christ Church has reduced their carbon emissions by 24,802kg CO₂e annually through the installation of a ground source heat pump and energy centre in the Liddell student accommodation building.



Ground source heat pump installation.

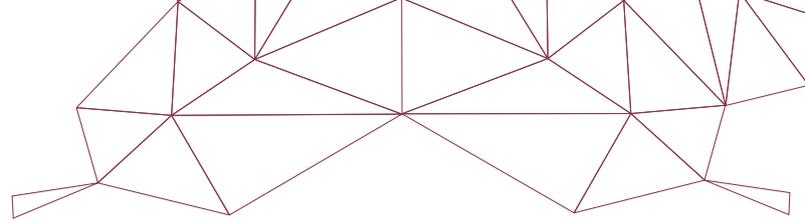
Dunn School Green Group Initiatives

Project Lead: Saroj Saurya, Post Doctoral Laboratory Manager, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

The Dunn School Green Group is an ongoing initiative committed to achieving the highest standards of sustainable practice. The Green Group engages regularly with staff and students to promote waste reduction, energy efficiency, active travel, and more through a wide variety of initiatives.



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Waste Recycling Trial at St Cross and Manor Road Buildings

Project Lead: Richard Brown, Deputy Senior Facilities Manager, FM Operations, Estates Services

The Waste Recycling Trials at St Cross and Manor Road buildings represent a strategic initiative in line with the University's waste targets. By removing personal office bins in favour of clearly labelled communal bins, alongside greater communication and information about recycling for building users, the project created a practice model for waste management.



Recycling informational stand.

St Cross Building Grass Biodiversity Project

Project Lead: Charlotte Vinnicombe, Head of Administration, Faculty of Law

The lawn outside of the St Cross Building is being managed for greater biodiversity and the benefit of Oxford's pollinators. The Building Management Panel, FM Operational Team, and University Parks are working together to implement a plan to promote wildflower growth with great success.

Pembroke Biodiversity Project

Project Lead: Barbara Francik, Biology Undergraduate Student, Pembroke College

The Pembroke Biodiversity Project is a student-led conservation initiative to enhance biodiversity in Pembroke college. The project contributed to baseline monitoring and practical conservation through bioblitzes, bird ringing demonstrations, nest boxes and outreach.

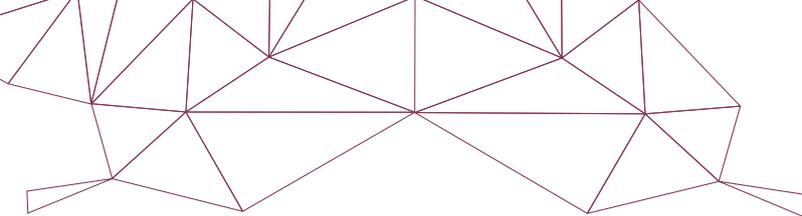


Bird ringing demonstration.

The Battery Barn

Project Lead: Haas Ezzet, Head of IT, Gardens Libraries and Museums (GLAM)

The Battery Barn in Harcourt Arboretum has been outfitted with discreet solar panels which sustainably power five wireless access points. The project enhanced learning opportunities for school children and visitors alike who are now able to conduct citizen science and access audio trails throughout the arboretum while keeping the integrity of the natural environment.



Special Awards Environmental Sustainability Staff Awards



WINNERS

Dr Saroj Saurya

Laboratory Manager, Raff Lab, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

As Chair of the Dunn School Green Group, Saroj Saurya is the catalysing force behind a myriad of sustainability initiatives. Her dedication, perseverance and endless energy lead the way for environmental sustainability in her department and beyond. She has mobilised a network of colleagues across the Dunn School of Pathology that have collectively achieved 35 LEAF accreditations and the Gold Green Impact Award.

Saroj truly goes above and beyond the call of her professional role as a Lab Manager to take environmental action both within and outside of the University community by championing sustainable lab practices with

colleagues, in journal articles and at conferences. Saroj initiates a wealth of events to promote knowledge sharing and sustainable practice.

Her activism is evident in her life and work, fostering a strong culture of sustainability throughout the department and beyond.

"The award of 35 LEAF accreditations to the department is a testament to [Saroj's] activism and unique ability to mobilise people."

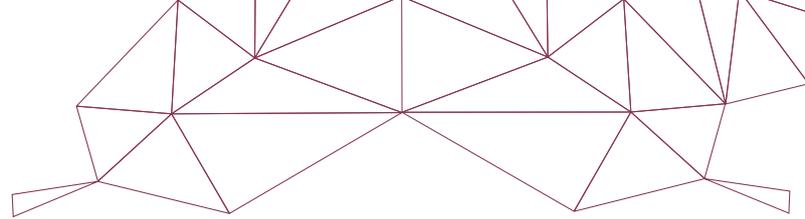
**Jo Peel, EA to Head of
Department, Dunn School
of Pathology**



Dr Saroj Saurya.



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RUNNERS-UP

Dr Tanya Baldwin

Bursar, St Antony's College

Dr Tanya Baldwin has laid the groundwork for an ambitious Greenhouse Gas Emissions Action Plan at St Antony's College. Forming a working group comprised of staff, students, and Fellows that advocated for the newly



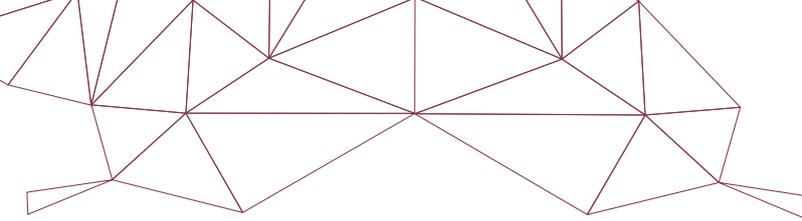
formed post of Environmental Sustainability Officer to further embed and catalyse environmental action within the college. The working group reported to the Governing Body in Trinity Term 2021 and was granted the funds to realise their ambition.

Dr Tanya Baldwin.

Over time the small, time-limited working group has transformed into an ongoing Green Impact team awarded Bronze in their first year. Tanya's leadership and commitment to implementation from the day-to-day actions of individuals to the larger accounting of carbon emissions and biodiversity audits, has made a significant contribution to St Antony's and the larger University community.

"When [Tanya] arrived at the College as Bursar in April 2020, one of items on the long 'to-do' list was to improve our environmental sustainability. Her work mobilised the development of a comprehensive action plan to address college emissions and the creation of a new environmental post"

**Rodrigo Hernandez, Academic and Admissions Officer,
St Antony's College**



Osney One Building Green Impact Team

Bodleian Libraries: Jason Partridge, Angela Arnold,
Judit Kovacs and team

The Osney One Green Impact Team has moved from strength to strength through the Green Impact scheme, achieving Bronze, Silver, Gold, and now the Beyond Gold award for the last five years in a row. The team implemented a range of changes, expanding the building's recycling opportunities, gardening for biodiversity, holding information sharing sessions, wellness events and recently developing the ORA Climate Research Portal in collaboration with the Oxford University Research Archive and Bodleian teams. The Climate Research Portal assists in removing barriers to knowledge and provides free access to the research we all need to better understand and implement solutions for the climate crisis. Osney One has a longstanding and far-reaching impact, showcasing what strong collective action can do.

"This work makes you feel part of something bigger, something tangible. I've been particularly proud of how Osney One has come together and embraced environmental sustainability."

**Jason Partridge, Open Access Service Manager, Bodleian Libraries,
Collections Management**

Osney One team
planting fruit trees.





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NOMINATIONS

Wayne Swan

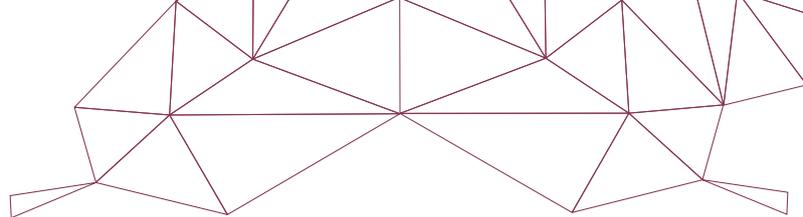
Facilities Manager, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

Wayne Swan is a founding member of the Dunn School Green Group. Wayne is leading implementation of sustainable practices throughout the building such as insulation and energy efficient Ultra Low Temperature (ULT) freezers culminating in a substantial 30% reduction in electricity consumption.

Clemence Levelt

Lab Manager, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

Clemence Levelt pushes the boundaries of conventional practice within the lab by adopting the use of green chemicals, re-using culture flasks and procuring sustainable supplies wherever possible. Clemence is also leading green initiative tours to promote sustainable practice and encourage colleagues to take part.



Nick Bishop

Grounds Manager, Egrove Park,
Saïd Business School

Nick Bishop manages the grounds at Egrove Park with a commitment to enhance biodiversity. By applying his training and expertise Nick creates habitats for a wealth of



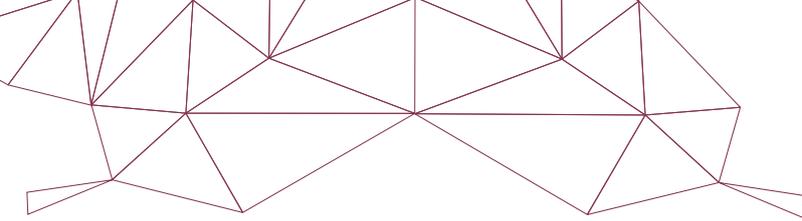
Nick Bishop.

wildlife including great crested newts, badgers, foxes, deer and many more. All while meeting the needs of staff, students and visitors.

Kate del Nevo, Rachael Evans & Isobel Webb-Jenkins

Venue Hire Team: Head of Event Services, Wedding and Events Coordinator,
Events Assistant

The Venue Hire Team have achieved the Sustainable Wedding Alliance accreditation by developing a sustainability strategy for weddings, promoting sustainable choices to prospective couples, and building up a network of local suppliers. The team offered training opportunities for staff, including Carbon Literacy training.



Lidia Hemmings

Facilities Manager, St Peter's College

Lidia Hemmings has been a key sustainability advocate at St Peter's College. Lidia led interventions that culminated in a 40% CO₂e reduction from 2013 to 2019. Lidia champions both everyday action and larger scale projects including the successful grant application for a college Heat Decarbonisation Plan.

University Parks Team

Lead by: Carolyn Jenkins, Head of University Parks & Paul Hutchinson, Operations Manager & Deputy Head of Parks

The University Parks Team have adopted sustainable practices to enhance biodiversity and provide habitat for a host of wildlife

species. They have adjusted the mowing schedule, created a grass cuttings heap for small mammals and are pursuing a project to introduce wildflower meadows in the Parks.



Building a hibernaculum.

Peter Nitsche-Whitfield

Sustainability Coordinator; Corpus Christi, Exeter and Lincoln Colleges

Peter Nitsche-Whitfield began his post in September 2022, becoming the first ever college staff with a role solely dedicated to sustainability. In the short amount of time he has been in post, Peter has had a significant impact from calculating carbon footprints for all three colleges to driving Green Impact accreditation and engagement amongst staff and students.

Chris Licence and Wolfson Zero Carbon Project Team

Home Bursar, Wolfson College

Chris Licence and his team are steadfastly prioritising environmental projects throughout the estate despite challenges and uncertainties. The Carbon Zero Project team installed triple-glazed windows, PV panels, implemented sustainable land management practices, and pursued a marshland carbon sequestration project.



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Anne Hedegaard

Post-doctoral Research Assistant, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

Anne Hedegaard has been an integral part of several sustainable lab interventions with the Dunn School Green Group including the collection of test tubes for washing, leading engagement activities to promote recycling, and winning the first ever Freezer Challenge with her lab for energy efficiency.

Dr Susana Camara

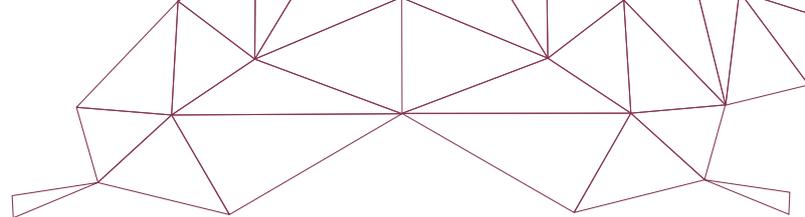
Post-doctoral Researcher, Department of Paediatrics

Dr Susana Camara has led the Oxford Vaccine Group Lab to adopt the Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) and promoted it among her colleagues. Susana implemented sustainable lab practices that have not only improved the lab's environmental impact but also its overall efficiency.

Philip Cobden

Departmental Safety Officer, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

Philip Cobden has led numerous Dunn School Green Group sustainability initiatives including the washing and autoclaving facility to enable reuse of common lab items, the implementation of OxWash for lab coat cleaning, the



bicycle rental program and using 100% recycled paper.

Jo Peel

EA to Head of Department, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology



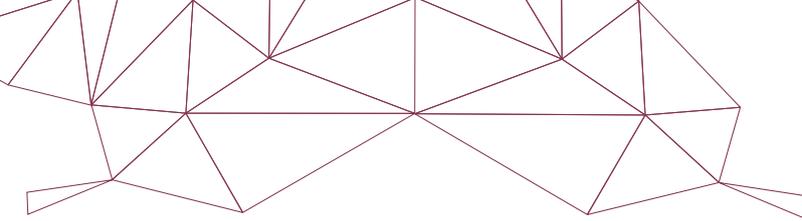
Pushpanath Krishnamurthy speaking event.

Jo Peel is a passionate advocate for sustainability. Jo coordinates Dunn School Green Group meetings, Bike Doctor visits, managing the group's social media presence and initiating engagement events such as the talk with climate activist Pushpanath Krishnamurthy during Green Action Week.

Martin Smith

Workshop Technician, Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

Martin Smith maintains the Dunn School's ULT freezers and actively takes part in the monthly Freezer Challenge, promoting energy conservation through community building and friendly competition. He also established a refill station for common household items, reducing single-use plastics.



Stan Ng

Laboratory Manager, Ludwig Cancer Research, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Stan Ng seamlessly integrates sustainable considerations into laboratory work without compromising research or safety. His pragmatic approach has led to wide adoption of practices among research colleagues in his lab and beyond.

Andrew Little and Wadham College Gardening Team

Head Gardener, Wadham College

Andrew Little and his team have established an innovative three-year system to create their own fertiliser from grass cuttings, pruning and college food waste. They plant with wildlife in mind, relying on natural remedies for plant infections instead of pesticides.

Jo Yeomans and Chris Cox

Maintenance Operations Manager and Estates Manager, Wadham College

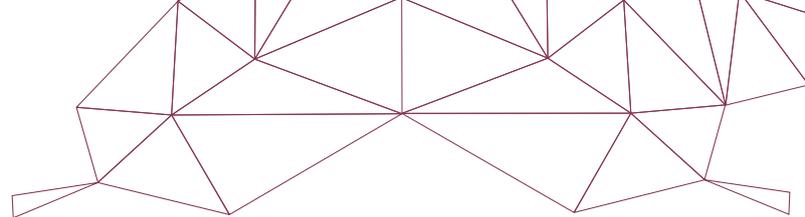
Wadham College's Works Team, led by Jo Yeomans in collaboration with Chris Cox ensure that reuse and refurbishment are used wherever possible, greatly reducing waste. They are also addressing energy consumption by trialling a new technology which controls heating and lighting based on room occupancy.



Bamboo in Wadham college garden.



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Special Awards Environmental Sustainability Students Awards



WINNERS

Nell Miles

MBiol undergraduate, Hertford College

Nell Miles is a passionate environmental advocate and campaigner dedicated to promoting solutions with tangible results and the potential for long-standing widespread application.

Nell is an integral member of the Sustainability Working Groups for both the Biology Department and Hertford College, advocating for progress towards net zero carbon and biodiversity net gain through a broad range of initiatives. These include promoting greater integration of environmental curriculum into the MBiol programme, saving energy at Hertford through retrofitting and student competitions, campaigning for changes to supply chains that reduce the negative impact of food, pioneering a restoration project of the

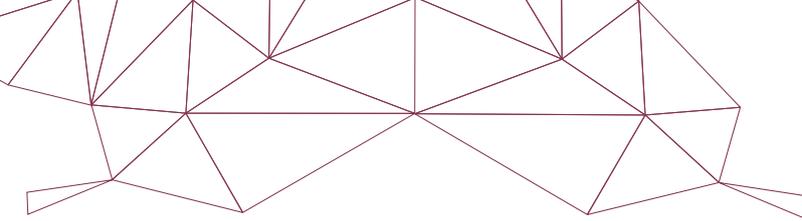
college sports grounds, gaining the Student Union's support of the Climate and Ecology Bill and working closely with the Hertford College Chapel to attain Eco Church status.

Alongside these initiatives, Nell prioritises capacity building and outreach to enable the next generation of students to take up the environmental challenge, from organising events with the Oxford Climate Society to volunteering as a Student Ambassador Coordinator with Nature Positive Universities. Throughout her short tenure as an Oxford student, Nell has made an unmistakable impact for the better.



Nell Miles.

"I am incredibly passionate about environmental sustainability and spend every moment outside of my degree taking action for people and the planet." **Nell Miles**



RUNNERS-UP

Taras Bains and Jamie Walker

MBiol masters students: Wadham College and Somerville College

Taras Bains and Jamie Walker led the Oxford University Nature Conservation Society in establishing a biodiversity garden within the historic Old Boy's School and History Faculty. The first ever student-led garden of its kind at the University. Planting a species rich grassland composed of native hedgerow and woodland flowers. Although the garden is only in its second year, there is already evidence of biodiversity improvement with the appearance of pyramidal orchids and discussions around expanding this work into other areas. Taras and Jamie are dedicated to implementing practical conservation and equipping others to do the same. Organising conservation talks, bioblitz events and hands-on work within local nature reserves as a part of OUNCS. Providing opportunities for students to learn from experts, get acquainted with local conservation areas/ networks and take action.

"The low maintenance, low cost, but high biodiversity value design of the garden makes it a perfect scalable option. The biodiversity value of the garden can already be observed with new species appearing including pyramidal orchids."

Taras Bains



Biodiversity garden.



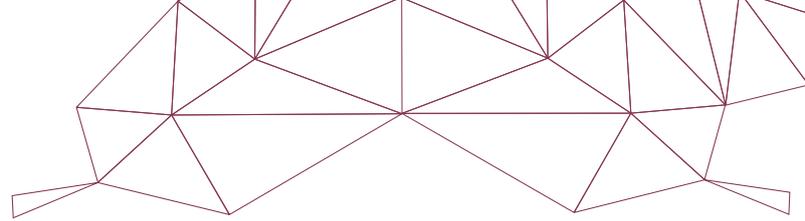
Taras Bains.



Jamie Walker.



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RUNNERS-UP

Emmy Powell and Yasmin Jordan

Economics and Management, Balliol College; Biology Masters, St Hugh's College

Emmy Powell and Yasmin Jordan are Co-Presidents of the Oxford Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship Society (OSBE), committed to pursuing a sustainable transition for business and equipping future environmental leaders in this space. Since taking their posts in Hilary term 2022, society membership has tripled. Reaching a wider audience with events that demonstrate how diverse the opportunities for a sustainable business career are. The flagship event of the year for OSBE, was a speaker event with George Monbiot and Charles Godfray, discussing the climate impacts of our food systems. Hosted in the Sheldonian Theatre during Oxford Green Action Week, this event brought together over 200 people from the Oxford community. Emmy and Yasmin are dedicated to creating opportunities for open dialogue on sustainable issues of critical importance and related career paths.

"Our overarching goal is to show Oxford students that a career in sustainability is both achievable and impactful."

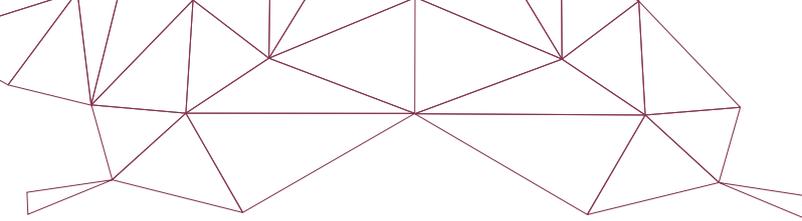
Yasmin Jordan



Yasmin Jordan.



Emmy Powell.



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NOMINATIONS

Beatrice McWilliams, Katie Wright and Ellie Micklewright

Oxford Ornithological Student Society (OXOSS) 2022-2023 Committee

The Oxford Ornithological Student Society Committee promote biodiversity and the protection of bird species. Coordinating nature walks, engagement events and participation in citizen science monitoring of bird populations. OXOSS fosters an inclusive and accessible environment throughout all their activities.

Karolina Lagercrantz

MSc Student in Nature, Society and Environmental Governance,
St John's College

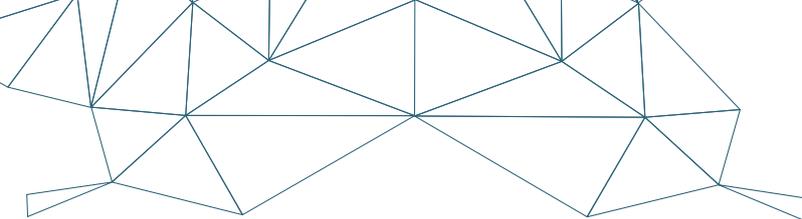
Karolina Lagercrantz organised two panels discussing young and marginalized voices in sustainability leadership reaching 100 Oxford students. By utilising her own network and experience as a member of the Swedish youth climate organisation PUSH Sweden, Karolina equips others to make their voices heard.

Group of birds observed by OXOSS.





Engagement Awards



Engagement Awards

Green Impact Awards

green impact

Green Impact is a national scheme providing simple and effective ways for staff and students to make their buildings, departments or colleges more sustainable. The 2022-23 academic year was the eighth year the programme was offered in the University and, as always, it enjoyed the participation of many repeating teams alongside teams that have just joined.

The Green Impact workbook is tailored to align with the University's Environmental Sustainability Strategy. So, whether teams are small and local or work on a large and complex site, everyone contributes to the positive change. Actions range from changing the type of paper used to create a biodiversity garden. These teams are accredited with either Beyond Gold, Gold, Silver or Bronze awards based on their progress through the years.



39 active teams this year, with **31 teams** submitting and achieving an award.



346 staff led this year's active Green Impact teams – your average team size was **9 people**.



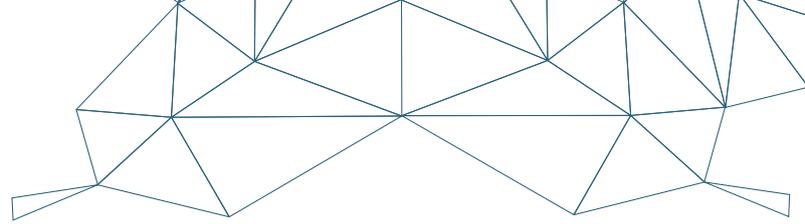
Reached an estimated **6,042 colleagues and students** via activities and communications.



Put **1,399 total actions** into place, **930** as a direct result of Green Impact.



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Beyond Gold Award

- Green Templeton College
- Lady Margaret Hall
- Osney One
- Oxford University Press
- Department of Chemistry
- Oxford University Innovation
- Primary Care Health Sciences

- St Hilda's College
- Trinity College

Silver Award

- NDS Collaborative Green Group
- Oxford Alumni Office
- Oxford Botanic Garden and Arboretum
- School of Archaeology: Dyson Perrins Building

Gold Award

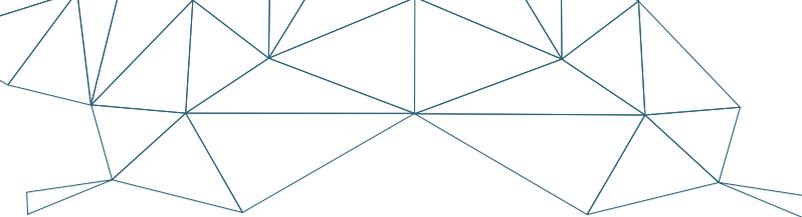
- Department of Biology
- Corpus Christi College
- Dunn School Green Group
- Department of Earth Sciences
- Exeter College
- Finance Division
- GLAM Divisional Office
- Lincoln College
- Oxford Martin School
- Saïd Business School
- St Antony's Green Team

Bronze Award

- Department of Continuing Education
- IT Services
- Planning and Council Secretariat (PACS)
- Peter Medawar Building for Pathogen Research
- Radcliffe Humanities
- St John's College
- Department of Statistics

Green Impact team actions





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Engagement Awards

Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) Awards

The Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) is the world's largest green lab programme, empowering researchers to implement sustainable practices. LEAF is supported by the UKRN (The UK Reproducibility Network) in recognition that high quality research is sustainable research.

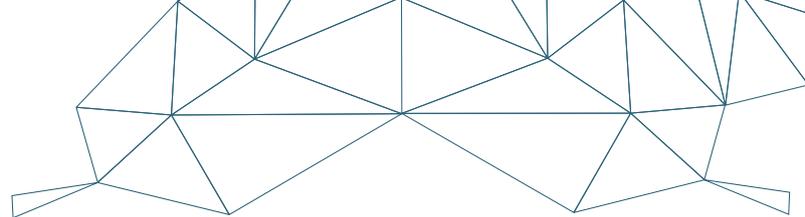
Using the framework, each lab assesses its current practices and chooses to aim for the Bronze, Silver or Gold award. A lab on LEAF can save on average £3,700 and approximately 3 tonnes of CO₂e per year.

This is the third year the LEAF scheme is offered at the University with over 151 participating teams.





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The following are a list of labs and their accreditation subject to confirmation by audit.

Gold Award

Department of Biochemistry

- Gibbs-Seymour Lab

Department of Biology

- IOI Walsh Lab
- Maiden Lab

Department of Chemistry

- E.Anderson Lab
- Williams Lab

Department of Earth Sciences

- Rickaby & Cosmidis Labs

Nuffield Department of Medicine

- Oxford Particle Imaging Centre

Department of Oncology

- McHugh Lab

Department of Pharmacology

- Pharmacology Teaching Lab
- Russell Lab

Department of Physiology, Anatomy, & Genetics (DPAG)

- Wade-Martins Lab

Radcliffe Department of Medicine (RDM)

- Kusumbe Lab

- Patel Lab
- Wolfson Imaging Centre

Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

- Carvalho Lab
- Dunn School Workshop
- Esashi Lab
- Fodor Lab
- Freeman Lab
- Genome Engineering Oxford
- Gromak Lab
- Gruneberg Lab
- Hassan Lab
- James Lab
- Lea Lab
- Luis Alberto Baena-Lopez Group
- Molecular Immunology Group
- Raff Lab
- Tang Lab
- The Don Mason Facility of Flow Cytometry

Silver Award

Ashmolean Museum

- Ashmolean Conservation Lab

Department of Biochemistry

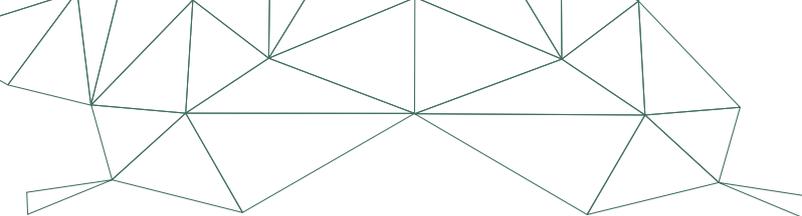
- Barr Lab
- Brockdorff Lab
- DNA Topology Lab
- Draper Lab
- Higgins Lab
- Kleanthous Lab
- Media Glassware Sterilization Lab
- Newstead Group
- Uphoff Lab

Department of Biology

- Foster Lab
- McLean Lab

Department of Chemistry

- H Anderson Lab
- Brouard and Burt Lab
- Donohoe Lab
- Gouverneur Lab
- Langton Group
- Mackenzie Lab
- McCullagh Group
- NMR Lab
- Oxford Colloid Group
- Perkin Lab



- Robinson, Benesch, Baldwin and Kukura (Kavli Lab)
- Russell Group
- Teaching Lab
- Vallance Group
- Willis Group

Department of Engineering Science

- Tissue Engineering Lab (IBME)

Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences (NDCN)

- Magill Lab

Nuffield Department of Medicine

- Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research
- Strubi Group

Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences

- Business Admin Unit
- Mills Lab

Department of Oncology

- Eric O'Neill Group

Department of Paediatrics

- Oxford Vaccine Group

Department of Pharmacology

- Galione Group

Radcliffe Department of Medicine (RDM)

- David Hodson Lab OCDEM

- Wilkie Lab
- Rehwinkel Group

School of Archaeology

- Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit
- Stable Isotope Lab

School of Geography and the Environment (SOGE)

- GeoLabs

Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

- Smith Lab
- Dunn School Central Washroom and Stores
- Cook Lab
- EM Facility
- Greaves Lab
- Hunt Lab
- Ivan Ahel Lab
- Light Microscopy Facility
- Murphy/Norbury Group
- Sanyal Lab
- Stracy Lab

Bronze Award

Begbroke Science Park

- Advanced Processing Lab

- Begbroke Agile Labs 17 and 31

Department of Biochemistry

- Berks Group
- Seiradake Lab
- Zitzmann Lab

Department of Biology

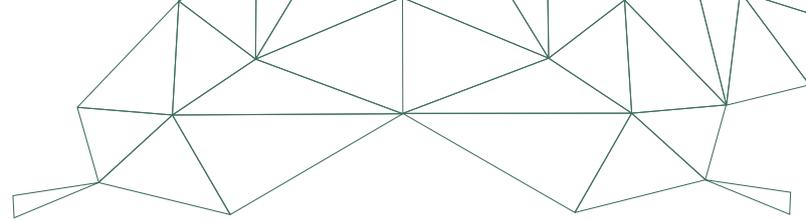
- Baena-Gonzalez Group
- Barraclough and King Labs
- Bolla Group
- ForesTree Biology Group
- Jarvis Group
- Sweetlove Group
- Fly Lab
- Langdale lab
- Licausi Lab
- Molecular Ecology Lab
- RHL Lab
- Richards Lab
- Kelly Lab

Department of Chemistry

- Clarke Group
- Davis Group
- Dixon Group
- Faulkner Group
- Jonathan W. Burton Group



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- Manolopoulos and Tew Groups
- Robertson Group
- Timmel Group
- Vincent Group

Department of Earth Sciences

- Earth Sciences Workshop

Department of Engineering Science

- Denison Lab

Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology

- BPI Lab

Ludvig Institute for Cancer Research – Nuffield

Department of Medicine

- Boeckler Group

Department of Materials

- P. Grant – Wetlab

Museum of Natural History

- Life Zoology Conservation

Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences (NDORMS)

- BUBBL

Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences (NDCM)

- Becker Lab

- Barron Lab
- Dupret Lab
- Sharott Lab
- Tan Lab
- Tofaris Group

Nuffield Department of Population Health

- NDPH Wolfson Laboratories

Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences

- Macaulay Lab
- Oxford Neural Interfacing Group
- Translational Research Immunology Group

Nuffield Department of Women's & Reproductive Health

- JR (Level 3 & 4) Laboratories

Department of Physiology, Anatomy & Genetics (DPAG)

- Cragg Lab

Department of Oncology

- Blagden Lab
- Hammond Lab
- Olcina Lab
- Translational Support Unit

Department of Pharmacology

- Lanyon-Hogg Lab

- Platt Lab
- Tammaro Lab

Radcliffe Department of Medicine (RDM)

- Higgs Lab
- Therapy Acceleration Laboratory
- S.Davis Lab
- Hughes Group

Sir William Dunn School of Pathology

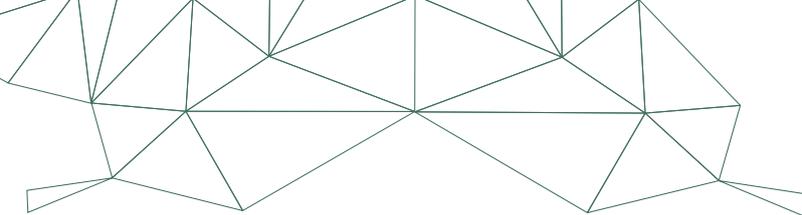
- D.Ahel Lab
- Gullerova Lab
- Isom Lab
- Proudfoot Group
- Roberts Lab
- Dunn School Robertson Group
- Sattentau Group
- Vaux Lab

The Bioescalator

- Alethiomics
- BioEscalator

The Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics

- Beagrie Lab



Sustainable Laboratory Champion Awards

The Department of Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry is dedicated to integrating sustainable practice into their research with 26 laboratories having achieved LEAF accreditation. Implementing numerous changes to practice and infrastructure that foster a culture of sustainability. Including the formation of a sustainability committee with representation of staff and students across all chemistry buildings, offering a detailed sustainability induction for new staff members, putting in place sustainable lab close-down procedures, and hosting friendly coffee mornings to facilitate exchange of knowledge.

The department delivered a range of projects such as pump replacements, fume cupboard upgrades, and the use of hydrogen instead of helium in gas chromatography machines by which they substantially reduced both emissions and costs for the department.

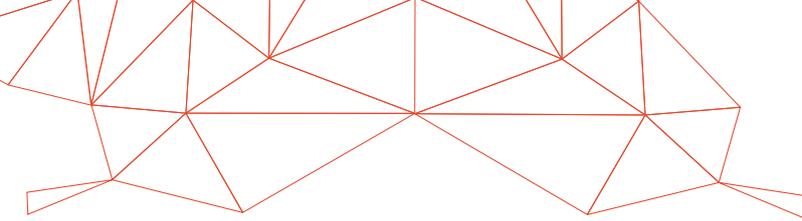
Truly going above and beyond to enable real change, the Department of Chemistry continues to push for even greater improvements with new projects underway.



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Sustainability
Photographer
of the Year Award



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Sustainability Photographer of the Year Award

Visual storytelling is a powerful tool for change. The Sustainability Photographer of the Year Competition allows us to see sustainability come to life, through the camera lens of staff and students. Capturing visuals from across Oxfordshire that feature, wildlife, people and place. This year we invited participants to show us what moves them to take environmental action. These images remind us of the brilliance of our surroundings. Balancing our sense of urgency to take environmental action with gratitude and awe for what we have and need to protect.

Every year, the competition receives many remarkable entries demonstrating the unique perspective of each photographer and their relationship to the world around them.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the competition.

FIRST PLACE

**“Alone on high, watching our
weather change.”**

Image by Ian Curtis

School of Geography and the Environment,
Development Officer

“Atop Oxford’s tallest building sits a Campbell-Stokes recorder. This beautiful glass sphere focuses the sun’s rays onto a record card in a way one can almost smell the burning. The Radcliffe Meteorological Station has the UK’s longest single-site weather observations; today’s bring new records as the climate changes, exemplifying the value of long-term science.”

Ian Curtis





SECOND PLACE

“Midsummer Meadow” Image by Saadiyah Mayet

Green Templeton College, DPhil Health Data Science

“This quintessential summer scene in Port Meadow was captured in August 2022 at sunset. The horse grazes in the foreground amidst the wildflowers, and the sky is awash with a pink and lilac glow. A double rainbow, a rare and hopeful thing, stretches across the clouds. [...]. On the day this photo was taken, the sunset drew people from the neighbourhood to come and to marvel. This magical scene is a beacon of hope, not only in the peaceful coexistence of people and animals, but in the wider campaign for environmental sustainability.”

Saadiyah Mayet



THIRD PLACE

“Summer Radiance”

Image by Jake Dudderidge

Christ Church College, MBIol Biology

“A female Broad-Bodied Chaser Dragonfly in the spring sunshine, a glowing symbol of the wonder of the natural world. A beacon of hope for a sustainable future”

Jake Dudderidge

RUNNERS-UP



“Hanging Out”

Image by Luis Cartaxo

Estates Services, Facilities Support Assistant

“All around the great and busy Oxford you can always find pockets of the natural world, whether in the beautiful Port Meadow, in the very well-maintained University Parks, any of the college’s quads or gardens and or by the canals. Bringing a well needed balance between the knowledge, the stonework, the people and the nature.”

Luis Cartaxo



“Sharing the Waterways”

Image by Daniel Bowen

The Queen’s College, Biology

“The UK’s waterways are a vital resource for both people and wildlife. That is very true here in Oxford, where the Thames River is the heart of the student rowing community and home to much of Oxford’s wildlife. Christ Church Meadow and its waterways are a successful clash of both worlds”

Daniel Bowen



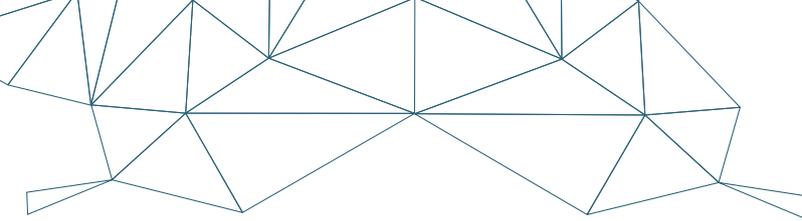
“Sunny Dandelion”

Image by Carla Pacifico

Graduate Accommodation, Facilities and Services Site Assistant

“Dandelion flower at Walton Street Accommodation backyard during an early Spring Day 2023. The picture was taken on mobile phone camera, capturing the view as a small animal would see it. Very different from our own perspective but in equally amazing ways.”

Carla Pacifico



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Environmental Sustainability



How to take part

Sustainability is not abstract. It begins with the practical choices each of us makes every day and the impact these have on the world around us. Each person in the University knows best what the suitable actions for themselves and their department would be. You do not have to be an environmental specialist to make a difference. With over 26,000 students, and about 15,000 staff members, we can make a significant change.

The Environmental Sustainability team runs a diverse range of engagement and training activities throughout the year, as well as, campaigns and events designed to educate and inspire staff and students on all aspects of sustainability.

The sustainability website offers a lot of information about engagement opportunities, campaigns, interesting initiatives and more. We have a monthly newsletter that will keep you in the know without overloading you with information.

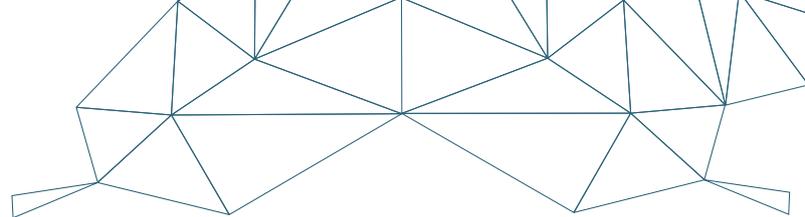
We are proud of the positive environmental changes our staff and students already make through our programmes. However, with your help, we can do even more!

You are welcome to email the team at sustainability@admin.ox.ac.uk

[sustainability.admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@admin.ox.ac.uk)



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Making Sustainable Choices

- 1) Venue – The Bodleian Library, like all of the University facilities, purchases its electricity from renewable sources.
- 2) We consolidated the equipment and services used for this event with another event to prevent waste and unnecessary transport.
- 3) The AV equipment is offered by That Event Company, a local carbon-neutral business.
- 4) Minimal waste vegetarian canapé menu served by Oxford Fine Dining in support of the sustainable food agenda. We consolidated the catering offer with another event to prevent waste.
- 5) Drinks at the event are locally sourced from businesses who hold a firm sustainability agenda.
- 6) We decorated the venue with local seasonal flowers in reusable containers and zero waste approach.
- 7) All printed products are printed on 100% recycled materials through a process that uses no water, generates no landfill waste, and is powered by 100% renewable energy. Sourced from a Net Positive printing studio.
- 8) The award slates are all recycled slates from a restored worker's cottage

in Gower, Swansea and are cut to size using a hand guillotine or slating pliers rather than heavy machinery. They are printed using non-oil-based finishes and the company uses the lowest impact packaging available to them.

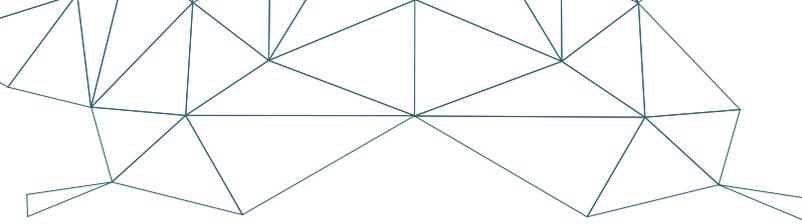
- 9) Our photo gallery and backstage sign are printed on honeycomb cardboard and are reused in various occasions to prevent waste.

You are welcome to ask us for more details and offer additional sustainability practices we might have not considered.

Email us at sustainability@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Award brochures and LEAF certificates.





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Thank you

We are grateful to everyone who made this event possible.

The presenters (in order of appearance): Harriet Waters, Dr David Prout, Professor Irene Tracey, Professor Tim Soutphommasane, Anna-Tina Jashapara, Dr Dawn Burnham and Sarah Rhodes.

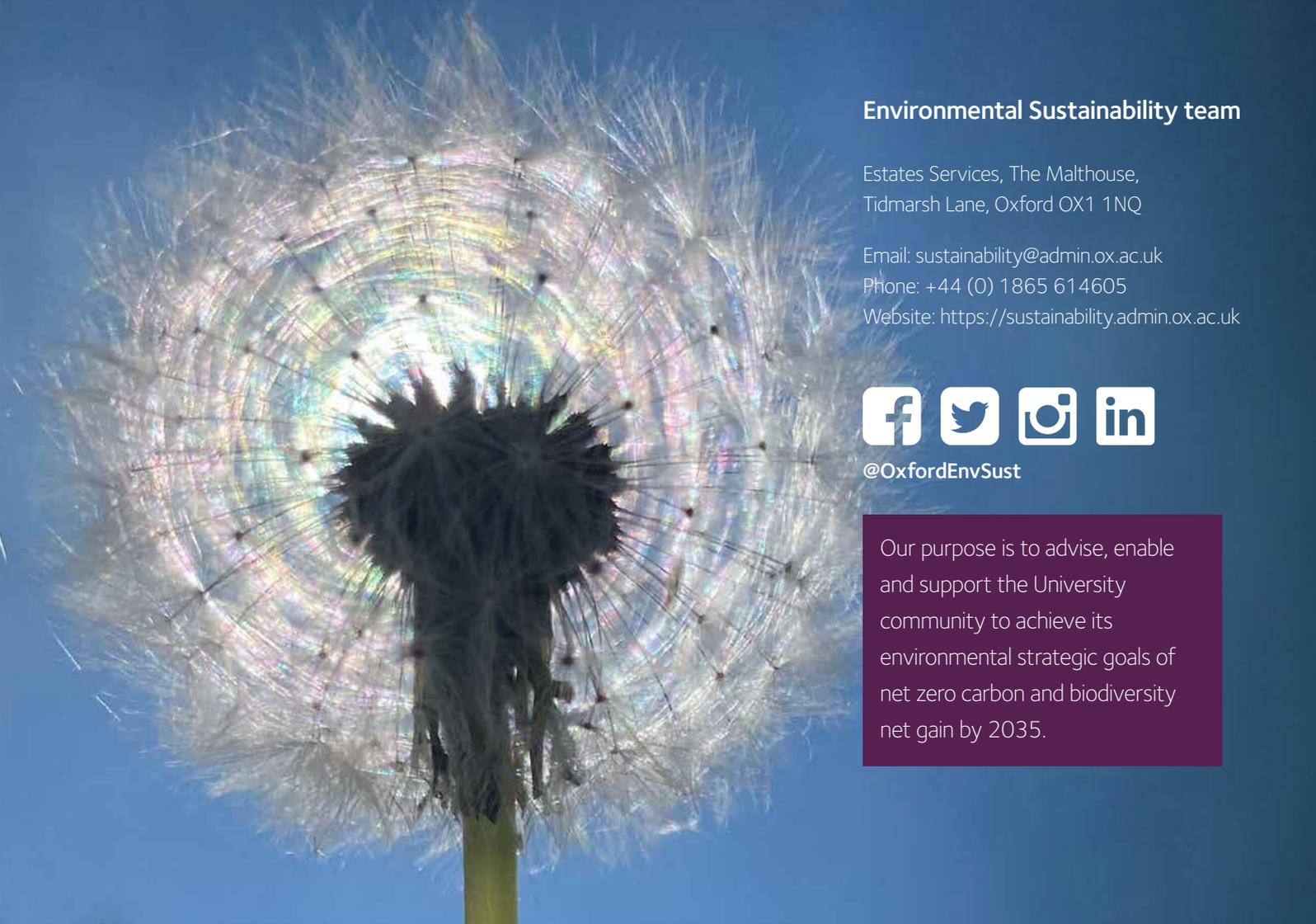
The judging panellists:

For special awards: Junior Proctor, Professor David Kirk, Isobel Hughes, Bart (Bartholomew) Ashton and Dr Naomi Ginnever.

For the sustainability photographer competition: Sarah Rhodes, Hannah Jones, Grace Draskovic and Vered Balan.

Our suppliers and all our University partners.

Moreover, thank you all for taking the time to celebrate with us.



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