



Responding to the climate emergency

In 2019 FSC Trustees declared a Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Crisis, recognising the catastrophic impact of climate change and biodiversity loss on our environment, people and the planet.

FSC's new Carbon and Nature Recovery Action Plan aims to address these issues via **Achieving Carbon Net-Zero** by 2030, ambitious nature recovery across our estate and advocating sustainability.

FSC is custodian for many different habitats including nationally designated SSSIs. These are an incredible teaching resource, but an important natural resource too. The new nature recovery plan will safeguard these resources, increasing the resilience of species and habitats at FSC locations.

We have a lot of buildings used by a lot of visitors, each creating a carbon footprint. Sustainability is being reflected and demonstrated in the way in which our centres and their habitats are managed, and in the way in which our courses are taught.

Our carbon management programme has included investment in green technologies such as solar, water and biomass. Our estate has many older off-grid buildings in remote areas that encouraged us to explore alternative green technologies.

FSC education staff have been trained in a United Nations course in sustainability.

We help people to understand and then feel empowered to take action. Our courses offer opportunities for our visitors to see for themselves the impact of single use plastic litter, or link their daily food choices with their own carbon footprint. This makes the connection between theory, practice and our individual actions.

FSC can make a greater impact by encouraging all of our visitors to adopt more sustainable, pro environmental behaviours whilst they stay with us, but also when they go home. This area of work is a focus of our new **Carbon and Nature Recovery Action Plan**.

Climate Change Ambassador course

FSC Millport and partners developed and delivered a new Duke of Edinburgh Gold residential. The aim was for the young people to feel inspired and then empowered to make positive changes in their local communities. Throughout the week, their understanding of the subject and their motivation to contribute to positive change grew significantly. At the end, each pledged for the planet. Some to share what they had learned with others by speaking at school assemblies and others to take action on reducing plastic in their school and local sports clubs.



“ When I signed up for it, I had loads of questions about climate change and I came here to get them answered. Through all the group discussions and stuff we've done, my questions have been answered. It's been just a great week!



In 2011, FSC set the target to reduce its carbon emissions by 40% by 2020.

Our Location Based Reporting shows we have achieved a reduction of 65%. We now face the challenge of net-zero emissions by 2030