

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY



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INTRODUCTION

At the Racing Foundation, we are committed to promoting environmental sustainability within horseracing, which is a core component of our Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) focus in our 2025–2027 strategy.

Through remote operations and sustainable event practices, we seek to minimise the Foundation’s environmental footprint while fostering a sustainable future for horseracing. Our priorities include supporting and funding environmental projects that encourage sustainable practices across the racing industry, building understanding around best practice, prompting collaboration in this area, and adopting sustainable event practices that align with our mission to support industry-wide environmental stewardship.



THE RACING FOUNDATION'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Our policy covers multiple facets of environmental sustainability:

Industry Initiatives

Under the umbrella of ESG, we are funding individuals and programmes that address key environmental concerns in horseracing, including:

- **Head of Environmental Sustainability:** A dedicated role to coordinate the work taking place across the industry and drive progress as part of an aligned approach. This role will support British horseracing's long-term strategy by strengthening the sport's response to environmental challenges.
- **Carbon Calculator for Stud Farms:** We are supporting the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's carbon calculator, which enables stud farms to measure and reduce emissions.
- **Education:** We are funding a specialised environmental sustainability course at the British Racing School, equipping professionals with practical knowledge of environmentally sustainable practices.

Sustainable Events

The Racing Foundation Conference reflects our commitment to reducing environmental impact. For the 2024 conference at Ascot Racecourse - a venue recognised for its environmental standards and Net Zero mission - environmental sustainability was prioritised across energy, water, food, and waste management. Key actions included sustainable, local catering; the creation of a digital-only brochure; the use of reusable materials to reduce waste; and the collection of travel data from delegates. A carbon footprint calculation for the event was carried out to monitor performance against previous conferences.

Remote Work and Operational Impact

With a fully remote team, we reduce emissions associated with commuting and office energy use.



GOALS & OBJECTIVES



The Foundation is dedicated to:



Supporting and funding environmental programmes within horseracing that encourage sustainable practices. Our grants programme will focus on supporting capability and capacity building (such as developing knowledge and thinking; producing transferable templates and funding generic resources) rather than the implementation of individual organisation's sustainability action plans.



Enhancing industry knowledge on environmental sustainability by building understanding and prompting collaboration with the aim of cultivating a cross-industry response to the issues being faced.



Leading by example by implementing sustainable practices in our own operations and events.



IMPLEMENTATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

To achieve these goals, we will:

- Encourage grant applicants to consider the mitigation of any environmental impact that their proposed grant may have during the application process.
- Take part in workshops and groups to support the Head of Environmental Sustainability in delivering an industry-wide environmental sustainability strategy.
- Continuously assess our operations and event practices to ensure they align with environmental sustainability targets as a wider industry strategy develops.
- Feature a designated section in our monthly newsletter to spotlight best practices and share environmental sustainability news with our 500+ subscribers.
- Report on the progress of funded initiatives, sharing measurable outcomes to inspire wider action.
- Use our conference to build understanding and prompt collaboration around environmental sustainability opportunities within British racing.
- Share knowledge of sustainable event management practices.
- Maintain transparency in our own efforts, including carbon footprint assessments for our events.
- Work with investment consultants to ensure a sustainable investment plan aligned with the Foundation's values during the 2025–2027 strategy period.
- Support the Green Award at the Racecourse Association Showcase Awards, which recognises racecourse initiatives in promoting environmental sustainability.

CONCLUSION

The Racing Foundation's Environmental Sustainability Policy reflects our commitment to promoting environmental sustainability within horseracing.

By funding action, building understanding and prompting collaboration in this area, alongside our own environmentally conscious operations, we will work in partnership with the racing industry to help achieve a sustainable future for the sport.





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