

Scouting and carbon footprints (1.17 v01)

Introduction

Care of the environment is an important issue that Berkshire Scouts believe should be a serious consideration in the planning and delivery of all Scout events/activities.

In particular, large events/activities, especially when travelling overseas, can leave a large carbon footprint. For more information about carbon footprints, including calculators, see: <https://www.carbonfootprint.com>

Berkshire Scouts offsetting carbon footprints

Initially, to engage in this issue, Berkshire Scouts is keen for any large events/activities that fall within category 3 of the “Approval of events/activities” to budget and make provision for offsetting carbon footprints.

Extract from “Approval of events/activities” (Procedures 2.02):

Category 3 events/activities – CEC engaged

approval required by:	
yes	County team member responsible for section/group, eg: ACC
yes	CMT line manager (CMT member) of the above
yes	CMT – including completion of ‘online form’
yes	CMT takes decision to engage CEC

Projects for offsetting carbon footprints

There are many projects that can be supported in offsetting carbon footprints, eg: reforestation and tree planting. For examples, see:

<https://www.carbonfootprint.com/plantingtreesinkenya.html>

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Different examples for offsetting carbon footprints can also be seen at:

<https://www.carbonfootprint.com>

Some research might provide projects that can be associated directly with the events/activities.