

SUSTAINABLE FOOTBALL PLEDGE

SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW

Birmingham County FA is committed to pioneering the way football reduces the impact of its activities on the environment, providing innovative solutions and positive education that allows the game to be enjoyed for generations to come.

By committing to this pledge we are actively supporting Birmingham County FA's goals to achieve a low carbon, more sustainable game through the following 6 initiatives.

By making this pledge, we understand that we have a responsibility to lead a change within football, challenge poor practice and educate others in how they can become more sustainable.

The pledge consists of six points where, with the support of local and national partners, we believe you can make the greatest impact.



Travel

Our club pledges to change how we travel to & from football and will commit to using the car less for journeys under 2 miles.

At all times we will encourage our members to;

- Use public transport where possible
- Car share (when Covid-19 protocols permit)
- Walk, cycle or run to football
- Share public travel information across social media/websites for visiting teams & spectators



Waste

Our club pledges to always use the waste disposal facilities provided on site and where the option to recycle is not available we will take this waste home. Furthermore, we will encourage our members to;

- Reduce the amount of waste created at football in particular single use plastics through reusable drinks bottles, and clear signage to refill stations
- Reuse kit & equipment extending the end of life of these items, responsibly disposing where necessary
- Recycle as much waste from the game as possible



Energy

Our club pledges to reduce the energy it consumes both at our own venue and also those we visit. Where possible as a club we will switch to a green energy supplier and we will encourage our members to;

- Switch their home energy supplier to green alternative
- Educate themselves on reducing their energy consumption, such as turning off lights that aren't be used, taking devices off standby, washing clothes at lower temperature, hanging washing out instead of using tumble dryer
- Raise awareness of fuel poverty, be able to direct people to schemes that may help



Water

Our club pledges to reduce its consumption of water, and will encourage members to;

- Not waste water
- Wash kit less and look for 'eco cycles' that use less water and energy
- Take shorter lower temperature showers at venues
- Install rain water harvesting unit at home or the club



Food

Our club pledges to reduce the amount of meat consumed on matchdays at our venue and also those we visit. We will also encourage our members to;

- Waste less food, by planning meals when shopping, freezing leftovers and composting
- Consider meat free days, go vegan, vegetarian or replace some meat or animal products with plant based alternatives
- Purchase locally sourced seasonal food



Community Engagement

Our club pledges to commit to at least one community engagement day per season encouraging all of our members to volunteer in activities that benefit the local environment. Moreover;

- Engage with the Canals & Rivers Trust for volunteering opportunities
- Club Litter-picks
- Club plastic collection challenge
- Club tree & shrub planting projects