

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE  
SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

# 2019/20 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

## ENERGY

- 80% of hostels and furnished lets fitted with Smart Meters.
- Plans for competitions between households re energy use.
- Guidance issued to residents regarding effective and efficient use of radiators.
- Collaborated with Climate Crisis Committee to compile data for Science Based Targets project.



## EATING SUSTAINABLY



- Baseline figure for carbon footprint of food calculated.
- Catering department source locally and sustainably.
- Significant reduction in quantity of ruminant meat served.
- Reduction of plastic packaging in the Buttery. All milk in glass bottles and drinks in glass bottles or cans.
- Vegetarian and vegan options increasingly popular and chefs attending courses focused on sustainable food.
- Initiative in place to calculate carbon footprint of all BDR meals.

## BIODIVERSITY & WATER

- Plans in progress to encourage greater biodiversity in the Bin Brook and Wilderness Triangle.
- Wildflower meadow behind Merton House.
- Allotment gardens at 1 Madingley Rd managed by SBR, with rain water collection for watering gardens.
- Bat boxes and bird boxes installed in College.
- Beehives managed by students and Fellows.
- No watering of lawns or other grass.
- Fewer areas of College grass are being mowed.
- All compost peat free.
- Garden waste chipped and used as mulch.
- Glyphosate based weed killers scarcely used.
- Cleaning products predominantly plant based.



## WASTE



- Food waste recycling pilot launched 2019 with the support of the JCR, Food waste bins installed in student kitchens. Following a successful pilot this is being rolled out to all students in 2020/21.
- Consistently meeting recycling target of 75%.
- WEEE recycling bin on site for all College staff and members to use.
- Clothes etc can be recycled via the BHF recycling bin on site.
- Abandoned bicycles recycled via '[Recycle your Cycle](#)' and new College bike loan scheme.

## GREEN IMPACT

- In the College's first year of entering the University's Green Impact programme, St John's received a Gold Award, the second highest possible.
- A St John's student won the Green Impact Student Leadership award within the University and the national equivalent award.
- The 2021 submission is in the planning stages and will be coordinated with the Sustainability Forum.



## COMMUNICATIONS



- Theme of the annual staff briefing in February 2020 was 'Sustainability'. Those attending were addressed by and asked questions of a panel of staff members involved in various recent and ongoing sustainability initiatives in the College in order to engage.
- 'Environment' pages of the College website are updated after every Climate Crisis Committee and Sustainability Forum meeting and new sustainability specific social media initiatives are in the pipeline.

