

PLANET POSITIVE



WEDDING SCHEME

Congratulations!

You are engaged!

It's time to start planning that wedding...

Wouldn't it be great if you could plan a wedding that could leave a positive legacy?

You've already taken a great step to reduce your impact by **CHOOSING A VENUE WHICH IS PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY** and committed to minimising our impact upon our beautiful planet.

Yes, you'll have the legacy of love, entertainment, memories, unique guest experience, great food, drink and entertainment, but you'll also have **A WEDDING WHICH LEAVES A LEGACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TOO.**

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Our Planet Positive Weddings Scheme provides you with some easy simple actions which won't compromise on style, but will reduce your environmental impact.



Committing to a purpose beyond profit by becoming B Corp certified



Minimising, separating, and recycling our waste



Eliminating the use of single-use plastic products



Using fresh, sustainable, local, and seasonable products and ensuring that 80% of ingredients on our menus are British grown



Embedding sustainability as part of our team culture



Working to reduce and hopefully eliminate food waste – all our food waste is collected and turned into something good - fertiliser for crops

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This company meets the highest standards of social and environmental impact

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Generating our own electricity via our own wind turbine



Designing events which use sustainable materials and our waste free



Supporting diversity and equal opportunities – we were the first venue in the UK to organise PRIDE in your Wedding – a wedding fair dedicated to same sex couples



Fresh air rather than air conditioning – we prefer to open a window



Natural light rather than artificial



For our décor in our wedding areas, we use **reusable** artificial trees and foliage

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Using **resources** such as electricity and water as efficiently as possible – we have our own water treatment plant



We have **re-purposed** a beautiful old building that otherwise would have been left to ruin



We use **recycled props** and décor for events for no additional charge which encourages the reduction of waste



Operate a **paperless brochure** and invoice system – using QR codes where possible



We are involved in **tree planting** schemes to offset some of the carbon weddings and events create



Maintain areas of the farm with **year-round wildlife in mind** through re-wilding projects including planting butterfly and bee-friendly flowers and providing feeders for local wildlife and birds.



IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO ASK, WHAT DO WE NOT DO?



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INCENTIVE: FREE LLAMA LOUNGE KARAOKE

Also as an added bonus, we will give a charitable donation to our linked charity One Woman At A Time.



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ACTIONS

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1 ONLY USE NATURAL CONFETTI - (i.e., dried flower petals) – Flower confetti is eco friendly and quickly biodegradable. You can even leave the petals lying around and not worry about it causing any adverse effect on the environment.

2 NO METALLIC SPRINKLES on the tables of any description -I know some of you may like these as they reflect light and give a shiny or glimmer effect to the tables, but it is not biodegradable or event compost-able. So, it doesn't break down or decompose when disposed of.

3 DONATE LEFTOVER FLOWERS to a local nursing home, food bank, hospice or graveyard or women's shelter.

4 NO FLIP FLOPS - Avoid single use plastics for favours, flip flops, glow sticks, plastic confetti cannons, decor etc.

5 NO TABLECLOTHS - Use reusable or biodegradable options for centrepieces, table runners and other decor elements.

6 SEASONABLE PRODUCE USED IN YOUR WEDDING MENU - menus that make the most of the seasons will have lower carbon footprints as produce is often cheaper as it is at its most abundant.

7 CHOOSE LOCAL SUPPLIERS who are eco friendly, socially conscious, and ethical – try and reduce the miles (to a maximum of 20) between origin of product and the farm reducing the carbon footprint through sourcing and transport. Use suppliers from our wedding supplier list to help you or if you must use Amazon, use Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

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FOR YOUR WEDDING FLOWERS, SOURCE FOAM FREE FLOWERS - Though floral foam has been around for decades, recent scientific studies have found that the product can be harmful to the environment. Specifically, it breaks down into micro-plastics that can contaminate water supplies and hurt aquatic life.

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SUSTAINABLE FAVOURS - Choose eco-friendly wedding favours such as seeds, potted plants, local spirits (max 50ml), a donation to a local cause etc. Avoid plastic wrapped and single use items that contribute to waste.

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SUSTAINABLE INVITES - Use electronic invitations or recycled paper and eco-friendly printing methods for physical invitations and encourage guests to RSVP online to reduce paper waste.

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SUSTAINABLE PROPS - Decorate with natural, biodegradable materials like potted plants, flowers and locally sourced greenery. Use our prop shed of reusable decor to minimise waste.

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SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT - Road travel contributes to traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. Encourage guests to car share or book a coach to transport all your guests to reduce the environmental impact of attendee travel. Encourage guests to carpool or arrange shuttle services.

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THINK SECOND HAND - Consider renting or buying second-hand wedding attire to reduce the environmental impact of clothing production.

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ETHICALLY SOURCED WEDDING RINGS AND ETHICAL DIAMONDS - choosing ethically-sourced jewellery means that the gemstones and metals used in your ring come from conflict free areas.

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MINIMISE FOOD WASTE - Consider choosing vegetarian or vegan meal choice and minimise food waste by offering buffet-style or plated meals instead of individual servings.

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SUSTAINABLE FOOD - We only use seasonable sustainable food in your menu so expect variations to the menus we offer. Menus that make the most of the seasons will have lower carbon footprints as produce is often cheaper as it is at its most abundant.



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ECO-FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT -

Choose eco-friendly entertainment options such as acoustic musicians, DJs with energy-efficient equipment.

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PLANT TREES -

Planting trees is a meaningful way to offset the carbon footprint of your wedding and contributes to reforestation efforts. Consider making a donation to a tree planting organisation in honour of your special day or even plant a tree yourself!

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OFFSET CARBON EMISSIONS -

Offset carbon emissions associated with your wedding by purchasing carbon offsets or donating to environmental conservation projects.

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PARTNER WITH LOCAL CHARITIES

- Partner with local charities or organisations to involve the local community for example one of the best ideas from a wedding held at our venue was when all guests arrived carrying a bag of food which was donated to a local food bank which the couple chose.

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BE A ROLE MODEL -

Be a role model for your friends and family by demonstrating your commitment to sustainability throughout the wedding planning process and beyond. Encourage others to follow your lead and make environmentally conscious choices in their own lives.

By implementing these strategies, event organisers can demonstrate their commitment to sustainability and inspire others to adopt eco-friendly practices in their events and beyond.



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