



Key Facts

Corporate Statistics

- UK business is responsible for over 45% of all UK emissions. *Carbon Trust.*
- Over 30% of FTSE 100 companies have an active emissions policy. *CDP4.*

Consumer / Employee Perceptions

- 85% of UK residents now believe that climate change is happening and 38% believe that radical action to combat it should be taken now. *YouGov 2007*
- More than 75% of employees now consider it important to work for a company that has an active emissions policy. *Carbon Trust 2006*

Sector Statistics

- The events industry is a contributor to UK commercial waste totalling 40.2 million tons per year, including 8 million tons of paper and card. *DEFRA*
- The UK hospitality sector emits over 11 million tons of CO₂ each year. *Carbon Trust*
- The UK air transport industry emits CO₂ at the rate of over 4000 tons an hour and over 100,000 tons each day. *UK National Statistics 2004*
- UK road transport emits CO₂ at the rate of over 13,500 tons per hour and over 325,000 tons per day. *UK National Statistics 2005*
- UK rail transport emits CO₂ at the rate of just 228 tons per hour and under 5,500 tons per day. *UK National Statistics 2005*

Emissions / Recycling Statistics

- Deforestation is the second largest source of global emissions. *Source: UN FAO*
- Annual CO₂ emissions per person in the UK exceeds 9 tons, whilst annual waste exceeds 5.5 tons per person per year. *DEFRA*
- Only 25% of all commercial waste is recycled. Landfill waste produces methane, which is 20 times more powerful than CO₂. *Environment Agency.*
- Current annual recycling levels in the UK are the emissions equivalent of taking 3.5 million cars off the roads each year. *DEFRA*
- One ton of plastic equates to 20,000 2 litre bottles. 1 ton of recycled plastic saves 1.5 tons of CO₂. 1 ton of recycled paper saves 900 kilos of CO₂. *EU*
- One ton of unrecycled virgin paper uses 24 trees and one box of 500 sheets would equate to 6% of one tree. 1500 delegates using an A5, 8 page booklet printed on virgin paper would use 72% of one tree. *Conservatree*