

Carbon Reduction Plan

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

East Sussex Press Limited is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2045.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline Year: 2022 (01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022)		
Scope/ Emissions Category	Notes	Emissions (tCO ₂ e)
Total Scope 1	RC	251.7
Total Scope 2	RC, 1	2,403.8
Total Scope 3		29,569.8
1. Purchased Goods and Services	RC	26,128.3
2. Capital Goods	RC	375.9
3. Fuel and Energy Related Activities	RC	481.0
4. Upstream Transportation & Distribution	RC	1,152.7
5. Waste Generated in Operations	RC	68.9
6. Business Travel	RC	123.9
7a. Employee Commuting	RC	514.4
7b. Homeworking	RC	11.1
8. Upstream Leased Assets	NR	
9. Downstream Transportation & Distribution	RNC	
10. Processing of sold products	NR	
11. Use of sold products	NR	
12. End-of-life treatment of sold products	RC	713.6
13. Downstream leased assets	NR	
14. Franchises	NR	
15. Investments	NR	
Total Emissions		32,225.3

1, Market-Based method used to report electricity emissions

RC Relevant, Calculated
RNC Relevant, Not Calculated
NR Not Relevant

Current Emissions Footprint

Baseline Year: 2025 (01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025)		
Scope/ Emissions Category	Notes	Emissions (tCO ₂ e)
Total Scope 1	RC	317.2
Total Scope 2	RC, 1	712.0
Total Scope 3		28,914.5
1. Purchased Goods and Services	RC	25,691.7
2. Capital Goods	RC	1,042.5
3. Fuel and Energy Related Activities	RC	497.5
4. Upstream Transportation & Distribution	RC	333.8
5. Waste Generated in Operations	RC	15.8
6. Business Travel	RC	155.0
7a. Employee Commuting	RC	568.9
7b. Homeworking	RC	11.0
8. Upstream Leased Assets	NR	
9. Downstream Transportation & Distribution	RNC	
10. Processing of sold products	NR	
11. Use of sold products	NR	
12. End-of-life treatment of sold products	RC	598.3
13. Downstream leased assets	NR	
14. Franchises	NR	
15. Investments	NR	
Total Emissions		29,943.7

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Emissions Reduction Targets

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following near-term and long-term science-based carbon reduction targets.

Near-Term

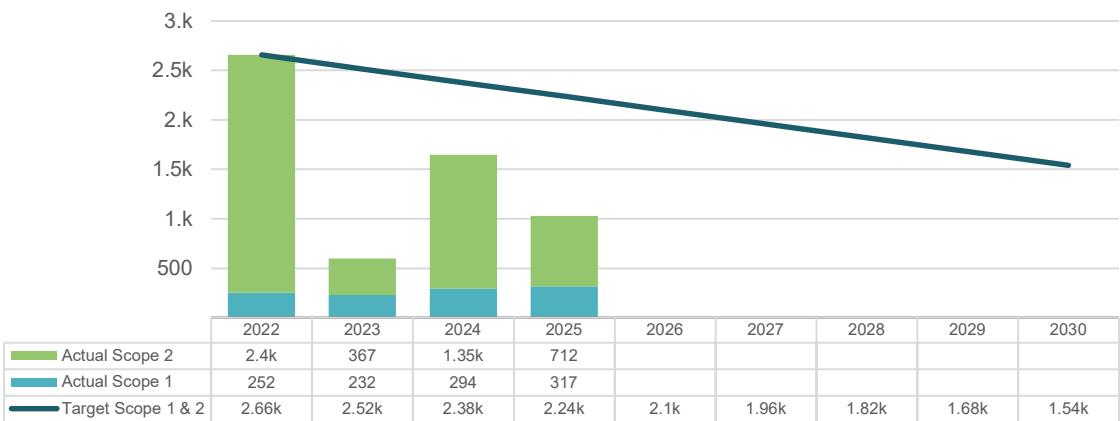
Near-term science-based targets cover an SME organisation's Scope 1 and 2 emissions reduction targets to be achieved by 2030. For East Sussex Press Limited, with base year (2022) scope 1 and 2 emissions of 2656 tCO₂e, a reduction of 42% minimum will be required by 2030. This means scope 1 & 2 emissions shall be no higher than 1540 tCO₂e by 2030.

Long-Term

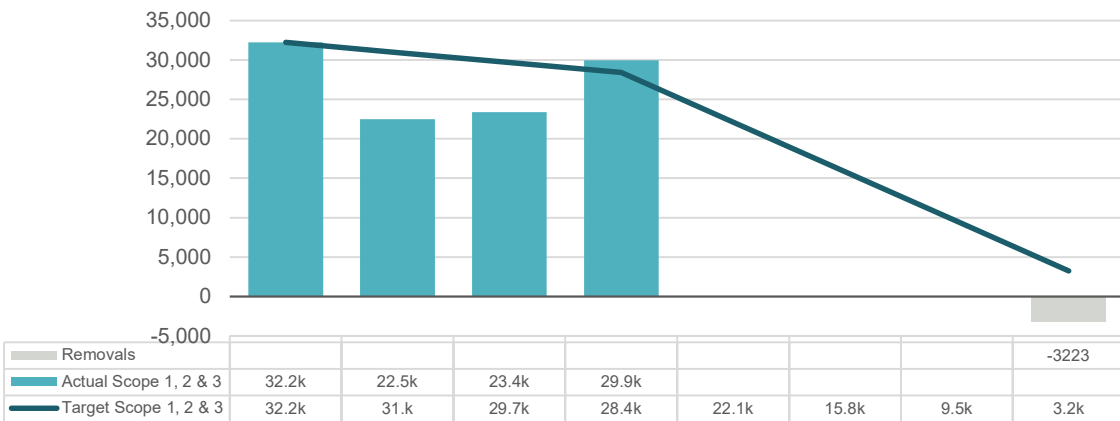
Long-term science-based targets show how much an organisation needs to reduce its total emissions (Scope 1, 2 & 3) in order to reach net-zero. This is a minimum of a 90% reduction and needs to be achieved no later than 2045. East Sussex Press Limited's total emissions in its 2022 base year were 32225 tCO₂e. By 2045, its total emissions shall be no higher than 3226 tCO₂e, with the remaining emissions being permanently balanced through nature-based or technological solutions.

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graphs below:

Near-Term Target Progress



Long-Term Target Progress



Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

During FY25, we continued to implement measures to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and progress towards our science-based carbon reduction targets.

We continued to work with Nero Carbon Ltd to measure and monitor our greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with the GHG Protocol and ISO 14064, enabling emissions performance and reduction opportunities to be identified and monitored year on year.

The company continued to progress against its near-term and long-term science-based targets, validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), including a minimum 42% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030 and achieving Net Zero emissions by 2045.

During FY25, we continued to improve the energy efficiency of our production operations through investment in and replacement of production machinery and equipment. The continued development of in-house production capabilities, including box making and direct mail, has also reduced reliance on external suppliers and associated transportation.

Operational improvements have contributed to reductions across a number of Scope 3 categories. Compared with the 2022 baseline, Scope 2 emissions have reduced significantly, while emissions associated with upstream transportation and distribution, waste generated in operations and end-of-life treatment have also reduced.

The organisation has continued to embed carbon reduction considerations within its wider sustainability and procurement activities, with a focus on reducing emissions associated with purchased goods and services, which remains the largest component of our Scope 3 footprint.

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

We will continue to develop and implement measures to support delivery of our SBTi-validated targets and our commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2045.

Future measures will include:

- Further increasing the use of renewable electricity across our operations and continuing to reduce energy consumption.
- Continuing investment in energy-efficient production equipment and processes.
- Reducing Scope 1 emissions through the phased transition to electric or other lower-emission company vehicles where operationally appropriate.
- Working with key suppliers to improve carbon data, encourage emissions reduction and promote alignment with science-based carbon reduction targets.
- Increasing the use of lower-carbon and responsibly sourced materials and identifying opportunities to reduce material consumption.
- Further reducing transportation emissions through supply-chain optimisation and increased use of in-house production capabilities where appropriate.
- Continuing to reduce operational waste and increase recycling and circular use of materials.
- Reviewing business travel and employee travel arrangements to identify opportunities for lower-carbon alternatives.
- Continuing to improve the collection and quality of Scope 3 emissions data, enabling us to identify and prioritise further reduction opportunities across our value chain.

These measures will support continued progress towards our near-term Scope 1 and 2 reduction target and our longer-term ambition to achieve at least a 90% reduction in total greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, with residual emissions addressed through appropriate carbon removal or balancing measures.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 006 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Protocol Standard and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting.

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

Name: Richard Osbourne

Position: Managing Director

Signature: 

Date: 17th September 2026