

## British Horse Foundation (BHF) Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan 2025/26

The British Horse Foundation (BHF) acknowledges the importance of environmental sustainability and commits to operating in a way that considers and minimizes impact wherever possible, within its remit and charitable aims in the equine sector, with view to supporting the BEF Sustainability Mission to –

*“Work to embed environmental sustainability into our thoughts, decisions and actions to ensure that nature always has a seat at our table. We commit to driving equestrianism towards having a net positive impact on the environment, being stewards of the land is our duty and our legacy.”*

Our Commitments:	Our Action Plan:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To Responsible Governance:</b> Trustees collectively commit to integrating environmentally sustainable practices in decision-making and operations, ensuring that all activities are aligned with the charity’s mission and resources. Ensure all Trustee activities minimize resource use (digital-first approach).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new project /conference planning to include a sustainability assessment before approval.</li> <li>• Support all Trustee’s to use the BHF Team’s site as a ‘digital -first’ approach.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To Responsible Resource Use:</b> Trustees should minimize use of paper and encourage digital meetings and documentation to reduce waste and energy usage. Make sustainable choices in purchasing and partnerships for all projects and events, actively seeking and promoting companies with green policies and focussing on the achievable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage digital meetings and use opportunities for face-to-face meetings where Trustees already have a commitment to travel to the venue to reduce transport footprint.</li> <li>• Aspire to use sustainable products and suppliers for all events.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To Responsible Partnerships and Influence:</b> Trustees may encourage suppliers and partners to follow sustainable practices, ask for environmental credentials, support like-minded organizations and seek land-based partners to further biodiversity goals where possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek to partner with a waste management/recycling company operating in the equine sector to raise awareness.</li> <li>• Seek to work with a land-based organisation to raise awareness about biodiversity in equine land management.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To Responsible Education and Awareness:</b> As stewards, Trustees should seek to stay informed on environmental issues relevant to equestrian welfare and share knowledge within their professional networks. The BHF will actively educate and promote awareness in the equine sector about sustainability and biodiversity issues relevant to horses and horse welfare.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that our conference and subsequent dissemination has at least one session which highlights sustainability/ climate change/ biodiversity challenges and focusses on key practical actions which can be taken by the industry to mitigate these risks in the area of equine breeding and youngstock management.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To Annually Review our Sustainability Credentials:</b> Trustees should assess progress annually at the AGM, report achievements, and update goals as environmental expectations evolve.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will be adopted as an annual review in the 2025 AGM and continued in subsequent years.</li> </ul>