

York Racecourse is fast approaching our historic 300-year anniversary in 2031.

Our sustainability strategy centres around this milestone, and we are proud to be the stewards of one of the oldest racecourses in the world. We are committed to ensuring we build and protect a resilient and sustainable operation, that safeguards racing on the Knavesmire for another 300 years.

In 2026, we are preparing to celebrate our 10-year anniversary of monitoring our environmental impacts, which we have proudly done since 2017. Our progress to date is summarised here.



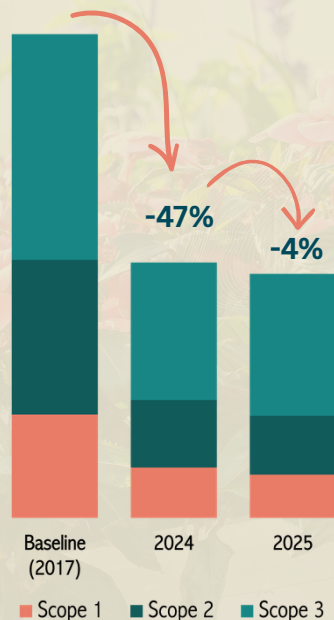
Our progress to date 2017-2026

Net Zero by 2040

We are committed to reducing our total emissions by 90% by 2040.

As of 2025, we have reduced direct emissions by 60% and indirect (scope 3) emissions by 36% since our 2017 baseline.

Our total emissions reduction across all scopes from 2017 to 2025 is -49%.



Embrace the circular economy

We are committed to embracing circularity by eliminating single-use plastics, putting operational systems in place for sustainable procurement and making improvements in our approach to waste management.

Our **County Stand** area uses **reusable cups** and we are exploring ways to expand this into all areas of the racecourse.

We **recycle more waste than we incinerate**. In 2026 we introduced an **aluminium can recycling scheme on race days**, with the support of the recycling team.

We **reuse throughout the site and prioritise local products**. The Bustardthorpe Stand was constructed using 95% local labour and materials, including the bricks which were sourced just 12 miles away.



Enhance biodiversity



We are committed to undertaking projects that enhance biodiversity on our site.

In 2024 we **brought beehives to site** and use the honey in our kitchens.

In 2026 we **carried out a baseline ecology survey** across the whole racecourse site. The findings will be used to inform nature enhancement projects across the racecourse.

In 2026 we **planted two miles of new hedgerows** at the top of the 6 furlong and 7 furlong chutes. We also grow many of our own flowers for the racecourse, selecting **species that support pollinators**, and in 2025 we **installed a living flower wall** in the Ebor Fashion Lawn.

Initiatives like **No Mow May** in areas of the site, and the use of **organic, biodegradable disinfectant** products in the horse areas support and protect biodiversity.

Conserve water

Our commitment is to reduce the volume of water taken from mains supply and embed a responsible water consumption culture throughout all of our operations.

We have two boreholes on site, which we use to irrigate the track, removing the need for mains water in our most water-intensive operations.

We have installed rainwater harvesting systems on our new site developments, such as the Bustardthorpe stand. The water captured is used for watering green spaces and flushing toilets.

Washrooms in the Bustardthorpe Stand are also fitted with waterless urinals, toilets with low flush systems and sinks with sensor taps.



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