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How businesses are leading



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Accelerate power decarbonisation

Coca-Cola European Partners (CCEP)

CCEP has reduced the carbon impact of its manufacturing operations by 63 per cent since 2010. As well as launching a major behavioural and investment programme, CCEP moved all its electricity sourcing contracts to certified renewable electricity in 2017. Part of the change included the building of a major solar farm with an innovative Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) structure that provides around 15 per cent of the electricity requirements of CCEP's factory in Wakefield. It has been so successful, CCEP is increasing the output to over 20 per cent of the site's requirements. The site, a disused open cast mine and then a landfill site, sits in Wakefield's flood defence area and is therefore of very little agricultural value. The development includes a rewilding project and social housing provision offering economic, environmental and societal benefits. As with many food and drinks companies, the next step in further decarbonising CCEP's manufacturing is in low carbon heat – an area rich with potential but significant technical challenges. [Read more.](#)

EDF in the UK

EDF in the UK is working hard to ensure positive socio-economic benefits from its Hinkley Point C new-build project, so that as well as making a proven contribution to decarbonisation, its new nuclear projects deliver a significant economic boost. The 2,500 businesses working together to build Hinkley Point C have already created 10,000 UK-based jobs out of a total 25,000 and trained 644 apprentices. Since the start of the coronavirus outbreak, the project has created 500 new well-paid, high-skilled jobs in regions where unemployment is high, including Humberside, Warrington and the South West. [Read more.](#)

ScottishPower

In recent years, ScottishPower has worked actively to improve diversity in the workforce and to increase mobility between offshore renewables and extractive industries. For example, ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) is involved in the creation and development of training courses at the East of England Offshore Wind Skills Centre. With a £55,000 donation, SPR sponsored ten places on an 'Offshore Wind Transition Course', which is aimed at individuals with previous experience in engineering. SPR also collaborates with the centre to ensure that the training meets the needs of the sector and can be adapted as the industry evolves. SPR staff members from the local operation and maintenance (O&M) facility regularly attend the college to provide career talks and interview training. In 2019, in one early success story, SPR recruited a trainee balance of plant technician from the course following on from their successful completion of the funded transition into offshore wind training. [Read more.](#)



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Make UK buildings efficient and resilient

Signify

Signify has launched a range of tailor-made 3D printed professional luminaires that support the circular economy and deliver increased energy efficiency in commercial buildings. The process uses a 100 per cent recyclable polycarbonate material, which allows Signify to create bespoke designed luminaires tailored exactly to the customer's with the option to be recycled at the end of their life. Signify has been working very closely with Marks & Spencer (M&S), the high street retailer, on this project and is in the process of installing thousands of 3D printed light emitting diode (LED) luminaires in stores in the UK. The project is part of a big renovation programme that M&S is undertaking to improve store performance and generate significant energy savings. [Read more.](#)

Tesco

For years, Tesco has invested in energy efficiency improvements, and being an initiative that serves both environmental and economic goals, the work is firmly embedded in its core energy and property functions. Tesco has saved over 207,000 tCO₂e through initiatives including LED lighting, staff training, improving distribution routes and physical asset maintenance. To achieve more in this area, Tesco would welcome government support to scale up and make efficiency solutions for new buildings more economically accessible, coupled with a regulatory framework that levels the competitive landscape. [Read more.](#)



Accelerate clean, resilient transport

Tesco

As transport is one of the largest sources of Tesco's operational emissions, plans to decarbonise it are already well underway, but the retailer is facing significant barriers across innovation, infrastructure and business support to deliver net zero in this sector. Tesco has signed the Clean Van Commitment to convert its home delivery van fleet to electric by 2028, and has started the roll-out. However, there is an inhibitive lack of suitable models available from mainstream manufacturers, and insufficient national charging infrastructure to support the delivery network. The same infrastructure requirements apply to its project to develop the UK's largest retail network of customer electric vehicle charge points. To address emissions from its large goods vehicles (LGVs), Tesco is trialling liquefied natural gas (LNG) trucks. However, it recognises the need for more sustainable longer-term solutions to decarbonise this sector, and would welcome government support to stimulate and make viable these solutions, whether hydrogen, electric or overhead wiring. [Read more.](#)



Support low carbon innovation

Anglian Water:

Anglian Water is a partner in a world-first project to build low carbon greenhouses. The greenhouses will be the largest in the UK and will be warmed by the waste heat from its own treatment facilities. When built, the greenhouses are expected to produce 12 per cent of the UK's tomato supply, while reducing the carbon footprint of the produce by 75 per cent – a win both for the region's economy and the environment. [Read more.](#)

Salesforce:

Salesforce believes businesses can be the greatest platforms for change and that technology can play an important role in helping to create a more resilient and inclusive economy, driving climate action that accelerates the world's efforts towards carbon neutrality. In January 2020, the company launched [Salesforce Sustainability Cloud](#), a carbon accounting product for businesses and governments to track and manage their greenhouse gas emissions to take action on climate. As companies set science-based emissions reduction targets, the need to deliver high-quality data to validate environmental claims will continue to increase; innovative technology will be a critical component in advancing climate action.



Grow a thriving natural environment

Anglian Water – Future Fenland

Anglian Water has been taking a place-based approach to regeneration, infrastructure, new housing and skills in Wisbech, Fenland for several years. This has led to the creation of a multi-sector proposal to unlock sustainable housing growth, nature recovery and increased food production. This will be done by tackling its biggest climate-related risks of drought and flooding in an integrated way. New reservoirs, flood barriers and open water channels will tackle the climate challenge in a way that delivers new opportunities for the Fenland region. [Read more.](#)

Anglian Water – green infrastructure

A relentless commitment to sustainability and reducing carbon in construction has enabled Anglian Water to attract green investment and deliver innovative nature-based solutions. The creation of treatment lagoons at Ingoldisthorpe is one of many ways the company is turning away from conventional high carbon and high-cost solutions. [Read more.](#)

Coca-Cola European Partners (CCEP)

Water is the most important ingredient for CCEP and ensuring the responsible stewardship of water in the catchments areas where CCEP and its agricultural suppliers operate is essential to create a more resilient natural environment. The Coca-Cola Company's Water Stewardship Partnership programme with the WWF and The Rivers Trust funds advisors to work with farmers on water-sensitive farming in East Anglia, an area of particular water stress and of particular significance for agricultural production. Supported projects also include peatland restoration supporting biodiversity and carbon sequestration at Ham Fen in Kent and flood defence and biodiversity projects in London, the South East and Northumberland – areas in which it has key production facilities. [Read more.](#)



Grow a thriving natural environment

Salesforce

In January 2020, the World Economic Forum (WEF) and partners, including Salesforce, [launched 1t.org](#) with a goal to conserve, restore and grow one trillion trees within this decade. To achieve this goal, Salesforce intends to contribute their technology to WEFs Uplink, a new digital platform to bring stakeholders together to advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Salesforce also [made a commitment](#) to support and mobilise the conservation and restoration of 100 million trees over the next decade. The green recovery presents new opportunities to drive investments in green infrastructure projects that support decarbonisation and create jobs.

Sky

In the last century, up to 92 per cent of the UK's seagrass has disappeared as a result of pollution, runoff from the land, coastal development and damage from boat propellers and chain moorings. The seagrass restoration project, launched by Sky Ocean Rescue, WWF and Swansea University, aims to restore 20,000 square metres of the marine plant in Dale Bay, Pembrokeshire. Seagrass captures carbon from the atmosphere up to 35 times faster than tropical rainforests, making it an important part of tackling climate change. The freshly planted seagrass acts as a natural waste collector and is expected to trap up to half a tonne of CO₂ per hectare each year once fully established by sponging CO₂ from the atmosphere. [Read more.](#)



Help enable better public choices

Sky

Sky is committed to being part of a positive solution towards climate recovery and has set the ambition to be net zero carbon by 2030. Sky will work with others to inspire everyone to #GoZero and will use their voice and reach as Europe's largest media and entertainment company to raise awareness of the climate crisis. [Read more.](#)



Net zero commitments

Anglian Water and Thames Water

A 2030 net zero carbon commitment was one of five ambitious goals made in the water industry's 2019 Public Interest Commitment. The water industry is leading the way on emissions reduction and is the first sector in the UK to make such a commitment. [Read more](#).

Sky

Sky is championing change in sustainable production and is a founding member of the BAFTA albert Consortium and BAFTA albert Sports Consortium. Sky is the first broadcaster in the UK to be certified CarbonNeutral® for all Sky Originals from 2019 onwards. And in July 2019 Sky Sports also became the first broadcaster to commit to the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action Framework. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).