

Oxfordshire from the Ground 3: Business

Oxfordshire is home to many environmental businesses, many of whom are striving to show how economic success does not have to be at the expense of people, the environment or the climate.

Take Action

Try the following for help, advice and energy / waste saving tips:

- Environmental Information Exchange (EIE), who deliver workshops, seminars and networking events on a range of environmental topics www.brookes.ac.uk/eie/
- Oxfordshire Waste Partnership: www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk
- The Carbon Trust: www.carbontrust.co.uk or tel: 0800 085 2005
- United Sustainable Energy Agency for energy efficiency advice and info: www.usesa.co.uk
- Take action through your local Town Chamber of Commerce - see www.otcn.co.uk

Oxford GreenPrint

provide environment-friendly and affordable printing, using 100% post-consumer recycled paper, VOC-free soya-inks, and renewable energy. www.oxfordgreenprint.co.uk

OxCar

is a new initiative to set up a car-sharing network in East Oxford. www.oxcar.org.uk

Golden fuels

is a workers co-op making and selling biodiesel in the Oxford area since 2003. www.goldenfuels.com

Westmill WindFarm Co-op

is the first on-shore wind farm to be built in the south-east of England and is 100% community owned. Opened in 2008, it makes enough power for 2,500 homes. www.westmill.coop

Earthwatch

The Europe Regional Climate Centre at Wytham Woods has Teams of volunteers working alongside researchers from Oxford charity Earthwatch's global forestry research programme. www.earthwatch.org

Meltwater Ventures

creates, develops and sustains new businesses which help organisations and individuals to reduce their environmental footprint. www.meltwaterventures.com

Blake Laphorne

have a dedicated climate change team encompassing lawyers across a number of teams including planning, construction, real estate, rural affairs, transport, commercial, charities, not-for-profit and corporate. www.blaw.co.uk

Community wind farms, venture capitalists, solar component manufacturers, carbon foot print analysts - they're all part of the thriving Oxfordshire businesses who are catalysing the climate revolution.

Find more green businesses in Oxfordshire Green Pages: www.oxfordgreenpages.co.uk

'Energy is the world's biggest industry - the next 20-30 years will see the greatest transition the industry has seen.' - Sir David King

Across the spectrum of businesses there's a climate change success story. Businesses are discovering that being climate-savvy makes business sense and climate sense.

Best Foot Forward is one of Europe's leading sustainability consultancies specialising in energy and natural resource accounting methods such as carbon and ecological footprinting. Winner of Queen's Award for Enterprise - Sustainable Development, 2005. www.bestfootforward.com



Seacourt Printers

are easily counted among the top environmental printers in the world and were awarded The Queen's Award for Enterprise - Sustainable Development in 2007. www.seacourt.net

Oxford Wood recycling

based in Abingdon is a social enterprise company that reclaims quality used wood and sells it to the public at affordable prices. www.oxfordwoodrecycling.org.uk

Red Redemption

is a computer gaming company focussing on climate change and sustainability - and reaping the rewards. www.red-redemption.com

Oxon Carts

is the fun, fast and green way to get around Oxford. www.oxoncarts.com

Small Footprint

This prize for the Young Enterprise Climate Challenge shows sustainable materials replacing traditional bronze, and a new avenue for businesses. www.barwellgallery.co.uk



See www.localfood.net for local organic food producers

3rd in a series of posters from the 'Oxfordshire from the Ground' exhibition, produced by Oxfordshire ClimateXchange. Find out how businesses are responding to the climate challenge, and add your comments at: www.oxfordshirefromtheground.org



RM
Milton Park based RM was recently named as one of the top 50 Green Companies in the Sunday Times Green List. The Green RM team have switched to green electricity, reduced electricity consumption, and run staff awareness weeks. www.rm.com

PV Crystalox Solar PLC
are one of the world's leading independent suppliers of solar-grade silicon wafers for solar electricity generation systems, based at Milton Park. www.pvcrystalox.com

'I see the problem as an opportunity. We raise awareness... and make a profit'
Gobion Rowlands, Red Redemption