

Hello and welcome to Bath Spa University!

At the University, we take our responsibility to the environment seriously; to help manage our impacts we use the internationally recognised standard ISO14001, which specifies requirements for an effective environmental management system (EMS) which covers all activities and sites.

We would invite you to read our 'environmental manual' and make yourself familiar with our 'operational procedures' both of which can be found on our [Green Focus](#) page alongside our [Sustainability Policy](#). You can scroll down on that page to the 'meet the team' section – giving further details for staff and their responsibilities.

The [Green Focus webpage](#) has a wealth of information and provides signposts to various resources you might find useful during your time here both on the Bath Spa website and Hub pages.

Please find below a few key headlines:

**Energy** – the start of this academic year sees the completion of works on our [Energy Performance Contract](#). We have two biomass boilers on the Newton Park campus, which feed two district heating networks. We've also carried out a large range of energy performance works across the entire University estate.

**Food** – the main counter at the [Refectory](#) at Newton Park holds the [Silver Food Served Here](#) award from the Soil Association (along with Oak Tree Nursery). We provide mains-fed water coolers in locations across the University, a [map of the Newton Park water points](#), these are designed as bottle 'refill' stations and as of summer 2018 we've removed all single use plastic cups from the machine. We're also a Fairtrade University.

**Transport** – we have a number of schemes in place to support alternatives to single-occupancy car journeys. Further details on [the Hub](#), we provide priority car-share bays, have an electric-pool bike and cycle to work scheme. We also provide free annual membership to Nextbike for all staff and students (when using your BSU email) which can be used for leisure or commuting in and around Bath.

**Waste** – we have a simple three stream waste system, collecting [food waste](#), [mixed recycling](#) and [non-recyclables](#) at all locations. The system is bag-less to improve our recycling rate. Bins are in central locations for each work area, rather than having individual office bins. Please put disposable coffee cups in the non-recycling bin, you are welcome to bring your own mug to catering outlets to be filled. We also have provision for specialist waste generated through business activities, more details can be found on [the Hub](#).

We also have some Social Media sites that you might like to subscribe to, on Facebook we've got the [Green Focus page](#) and [Bike 2 BSU](#) and we also have a [twitter](#) account.

If you have any further questions please feel free to drop us an email.

All the best,

The Sustainability Team

