

Local Businesses Supporting Net-Zero



Local businesses are playing their part in Scotland's ambition to become net-zero by 2045. Here are just a few examples.



The Oak Tree Inn has installed 156 solar panels which produce power for their kitchen, bar, restaurant, and refrigeration units. They also have introduced a market garden to supply the vegetables and herbs used in the food they serve. Meanwhile, St Mocha use an electric vehicle to gather coffee grounds from their coffee shops. These are dried in the Oak Tree's biomass shed and used as fuel and in their palm-free natural soap.



Fraser C Robb has also made their building much more fuel-efficient, with biomass and solar panels. In addition, they have helped switch commercial and domestic customers from garden/ground care equipment that use fuel to greener battery versions.

Drymen Business Hub organises meetings between local businesses and Business Gateway experts to reduce car journeys to Stirling.



Duff Christmas Tree Farm has numerous initiatives to reduce carbon, including planting two trees for each one felled. They have created new woodlands as well as protecting ancient woodlands. The team works by hand as much as possible to reduce the use of machinery and use recyclable labels on their trees.

Finally, at **Loch Katrine**, the SOS – Save our Steamship appeal will hopefully be successful with Sir Walter Scott Steamship returning to service in the summer. There are plans to use a new ground-breaking green fuel-HVO-which is, a hydrogen and vegetable oil-based fuel, instead of the current diesel mix. It is estimated that this will allow a staggering decrease of emissions of over 90%. In addition, the Steamship promotes Active Travel connecting communities by water rather than road.

You can play your part in reducing journey's and supporting businesses in the Park Life area by 'Buying Local'. If you or your business have introduced new green initiatives, we'd like to hear about them for future features so please send us details.

