

FOOTPRINT

Promoting happy, healthy and sustainable living at Hill House and beyond.

LOOK BACK AT 2023

2023 was another great year for promoting sustainability at Hill House and making progress with our One Planet Living® action plan - from the overarching CARE4 Planet commitment to be a Net Zero business by 2050, the official opening of our Eco-Cabin and success of our Land-Based Science curriculum, to the all-important small changes like more composting, less printing and use of recycled envelopes.

A better future
for our planet...

Care4 Planet

We know that healthy lives go hand-in-hand with a healthy planet. We are committed to caring for the wellbeing of our planet to safeguard all our futures.



2023 also saw the arrival of the Hill House hens as well as extensive use of the new polytunnel and allotment to grow our own vegetables, all of which made their way to the kitchen and homes to be turned into delicious things like leek and potato soup and pumpkin muffins.



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We have continued to build connections with local businesses that supply eco-friendly products and support biodiversity, carbon reduction and recycling initiatives.

Work experience at the [New Forest Fruit Farm](#) offered the chance for some of our young people to spend time in a real working environment - helping to recycle pallets, plant seedlings, and weed fruit beds.

One of the main attractions - the steel drum - at our music and mindfulness festival back in the summer (Hill Fest) was booked through [Encore](#), an organisation that plants a tree for every booking to offset the musician's transport emissions and carbon footprint of their staff. To date, they have planted 36,334 trees!

As part of the bigger CARE4 Planet initiative, Hill House were chosen as a demonstrator project to assess how we use energy with an ultimate aim for net zero. The data collected will be used to analyse the potential benefits of energy reduction measures such as the installation of solar panels, led lighting etc. as well as providing engaging educational resources for our young people. Watch this space for developments in 2024!

Our CARE4 Targets

CARE4 Planet

We will be a Net Zero business by 2050.

Nature

50% of our gardens will promote biodiversity by 2025.
100% of our gardens will promote biodiversity by 2030.

Carbon

75% of (non-exempt) properties rated B and C or above for energy efficiency by 2025.

Waste

50% of our waste recycled by 2025.
5% reduction in volume of waste generated by 2025.
Zero waste to landfill by 2050.

Resources

Procurement Policy will include sustainability requirement by 2023.
100% of centrally-procured resources will be from Policy-compliant suppliers by 2030.