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Summary

Donington Park Farmhouse Hotel is a seventeenth century Farmhouse with a series of original brick & timber barns, sympathetically restored to create a beautiful collection of rooms suitable for Weddings, Parties, Banquets, Company events and meetings. Acting as guardians and stewards to over 635 acres parkland, fallow & red deer herds, farmland and woodland environment is at the heart of everything we do. Within the Donington Park Farmhouse family, we work hard to succeed and reduce environmental impact.

While Donington Park Farmhouse is not a major emitter of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and has a limited direct environmental impact, we have an important role to play in setting industry standards and demonstrating best practices. Our efforts to enhance our environmental performance and reach Net Zero.

In addition to our corporate goals, we recognise the biggest difference we can make for the planet, is to continue to help our clients reduce their carbon emissions. We are committed to doing this through the exploration and implementation of meaningful and measurable decarbonisation solutions. We are committed to improving our environmental performance and to leveraging our expertise, resources, and values to drive system-wide change for better business, better lives, and better solutions.

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The start of our journey to Net Zero

Our ambition for Net Zero

At Donington Park Farmhouse, we are committed to supporting the UK government's goal of Net Zero by 2050, albeit we openly acknowledge the realistic achievement of this goal is reliant on many factors outside of our immediate control, the most important being advances in technology for carbon capture or sequestration and supplier innovation to reduce embodied carbon in products.

While respecting the factors outside of our control, Donington Park Farmhouse are committed to doing everything reasonable and practicable to reach Net Zero by 2050. We hope to further this ambition with a formal Net Zero pledge in the future, as we better understand our own GHG emissions.

To help support that goal, we have started our journey by engaging with Auditel to help accurately measure our carbon footprint and to set carbon reduction targets. By then embedding the annual process of measure, reduce, verify and report into our organisation, we will drive continuous improvement in our Greenhouse Gas emissions control and reduction.

At Donington Park Farmhouse we believe that accurate and honest measurement of our baseline carbon emissions and setting of reduction targets using a well-known and respected carbon auditor are the first essential steps in our journey to Net Zero. We believe, this approach provides a transparent, uniform and rigorous approach to emission management, meaning all our stakeholders can trust in the results it reports.

Making low carbon a way of life

Beyond the goal of measuring our own carbon emissions and setting carbon reduction targets, we will also:

- Comply with relevant Environmental Legislation and any other compliance obligations that are identified. In particular, to use, handle, transport, store and dispose of potentially environmentally damaging materials within the appropriate legislation and codes of practice.
- Protect the environment and prevent pollution arising from our activities or services.
- Ensure all team members are made aware of this statement, environmental issues and their responsibilities. They will be competent in meeting those responsibilities through training, communication, sharing of expertise and monitoring of the Company's activities.
- Encourage an environmental awareness and responsibility in our visitors and suppliers by example, instruction, surveys, grading and dissemination of information.
- Maintain a strategy for external environmental communications including making this statement publicly available.
- Calculate and capture our direct and indirect greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (Scopes 1, 2 and 3) in a Carbon Footprint Report that follows GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard methodology.
- Work towards our goal of carbon neutrality.

DONINGTON PARK FARMHOUSE
HOTEL & BARN WEDDING VENUE

Carbon reduction initiatives

Donington Park Farmhouse has already undertaken the following Carbon Reduction Initiatives.

- Completed the first year of our carbon footprint journey

- Established a data improvement plan for continued accurate carbon measurement

- Installed EV chargers on the premises

- Implemented biomass boiler heating sustained from onsite forestry with replanting programme

- Installed a solar farm installation of over 120KWa to service the site and feed into green energy

- Fitted an organic reed-bed system to replace septic tank system

- Established wildlife encouragement programmes

- Developed zero miles meat provision via onsite deer

- Negated the use of artificial fertiliser onsite

"The environment is at the heart of what we do at Donington Park Farmhouse and across the Estate meaning that targeting Net Zero is the natural next step for us."

Jack Shields, Director - Donington Park Farmhouse

Stakeholder engagement

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Led by our Directors, our team are united in our mission to reduce our carbon emissions and engage with the government's Net Zero target. Committed to education of all staff in our Net Zero efforts we ensure all existing and new starter staff are fully trained and communicated with on our environmental commitments

This working group has stakeholder representation across all departments within the business and is working with Auditel to develop our first Carbon Footprint Report and set carbon reduction targets.

We are committed to:

- Making our Environmental Policy publicly available and actively communicating it to our team and the wider public.
- Encouraging environmental awareness through employee training and education programs
- Engaging with stakeholders on Donington Park Farmhouse environmental performance and providing transparency through an array of sustainability reports.

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