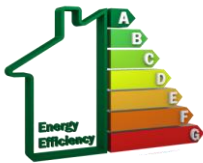


## How green is your supermarket?

Managers from Waitrose and Sainsbury's came to our open meeting last month to tell us what they're doing to reduce their carbon emissions. The local Co-op sent apologies and a copy of their environmental report. The local Tesco Express, Aldi and M & S were also invited but didn't attend.

### SAINSBURY'S SAID:



by making their buildings energy efficient they



By **16.9%**  
In UK

reduced overall carbon emissions between 2011-14



despite growth in shop area and sales



they reduced own brand packaging between 2011-14 by 14.4%

### WAITROSE SAID:



carbon emissions from home deliveries are offset



by planting trees with the Woodland Trust to absorb carbon



ZEROWASTE

they send no food waste to landfill



their local building was rated **outstanding** for energy efficiency

Read more at [www.lcwo.org.uk](http://www.lcwo.org.uk)

### Local residents made suggestions for further improvements including:



**Sourcing:** more from local area; put a symbol on air freighted goods (M&S do); put carbon labels on goods; support suppliers to go green.



**Green food choices:** promote veggie 'dine in for two' deals and do price promotions on fresh fruit and veg.



**Packaging:** reduce it and provide refill options in-store; let customers leave packaging at the supermarket.



**Fair tax:** get a 'fair tax label' (The Co-op has one). Big companies gain unfair competitive advantage if they avoid tax which can put local shops out of business.



**Local leadership:** join Low Carbon Oxford and share learning with other local organisations.



**Legislation:** support green legislation to legally oblige all supermarkets to reduce food waste.

Tell us YOUR suggestions for reducing carbon emissions from local supermarkets.

Email us at: [info@lcwo.or.uk](mailto:info@lcwo.or.uk)

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## Thanks a million West Oxford!

This month West Oxford Community Renewables (WOCRe), sister organisation of LCWO, reached a huge milestone in community renewable energy in West Oxford with the generation of its one millionth unit of green electricity.

WOCRe's very first installation on the roof of the Kings Centre was in August 2009. As well as marking the start of community-owned renewables in West Oxford, it was also the first time a community group leased the roof space of a building in order to put up a community-owned PV array, a model that has now been replicated successfully around the country.



Today the list of community-owned PV arrays in West Oxford includes those sited at Aldi, Matthew Arnold School and on social housing in South Street.

The completion of Osney Lock Hydro (OLH) in May 2015 has resulted in a significant increase in local generation capacity. Even with one of the driest summers on record, the hydro has now generated over 85,000 kWh.



in



50,000

**OLH can generate over 1,000 kWh in a day - enough to make 50,000 cups of tea!**

As well as generating clean, green electricity, profits from WOCRe and OLH will help support local environmental projects. Since 2010 almost £85,000 has been donated to Low Carbon West Oxford, as well as additional support given to help set up Hogacre Eco Park.

Both WOCRe and OLH are entirely run by volunteers, and we depend heavily on the support of local individuals and organisations to carry out our work. As we hit this important milestone, we'd like to say a special thank you to the many organisations and individuals in West Oxford and beyond, without whom this would not have been possible. **Thanks a million!**

We're looking for more people to help make our projects happen. If you'd like to help cut carbon emissions in West Oxford and make a difference to our community please get in touch on 07531 500955 or email [LCWO on info@lcwo.org.uk](mailto:info@lcwo.org.uk)



**BRING AND TAKE SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**West Oxford Community Centre**  
**BRING items from 10.30-11.30am ONLY**  
**TAKE items from 10.30am-12.30pm**

Bring unwanted but *reusable* items and/or take some away for free: clothes, toys, CDs/DVDs (but not videos), books, kitchenware, bric-a-brac, small items of furniture (easily transportable) and small electrical items with plugs. Please bring seedlings to swap and clean jam jars for jam-makers.

