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Begin Your Carbon Offsetting Journey With SBM

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To reduce emissions across all sectors of the economy, companies are being forced to explore carbon offsetting.

The UK government was the first major economy to legislate to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Most companies are already reducing their carbon footprint but are left with a residue of carbon that needs to be offset. At SBM we have worked through the legislation to understand from the source – what it is saying and the requirements.

Our recommendation is to be as ahead on your carbon offsetting as you are with your core business.

How much carbon are you producing?

With a production of 1000 tCO₂e per year, you would need 70 acres of woodland to cover 20% offset and gain control of your net zero journey.

SBM can support your business in sourcing and purchasing the land necessary to plant a woodland to begin your woodland carbon credit journey.

We can work with companies to:



search for suitable woodland



negotiation of terms



land inspections and shortlisting opportunities



certification avenues for Woodland Carbon Credits



Why act now?

Environmental legislation and regulations are beginning to have an impact on businesses.

1

The market for land is becoming increasingly competitive due to the expansion of woodland projects, agriculture and urban development.



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The grants that are currently on offer in terms of planning and planting are not guaranteed to stick around forever and to make the most of these you should move quickly.



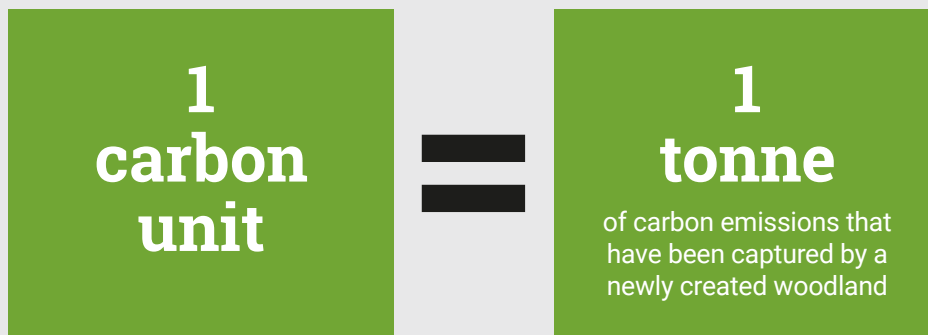
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The time taken for trees to mature and to then absorb carbon is 12 years - allowing companies to get ahead of the game.



Planting woodland to offset carbon emissions

Carbon offsetting is one way to neutralise carbon emissions and it can be achieved through Woodland Carbon Units (WCU).



A Woodland Carbon Unit is one tonne of carbon emissions that have been captured by a newly created woodland, verified by the Woodland Carbon Code. This can be used by companies to report against UK based emissions and in claims of carbon neutrality.

Carbon Units are recognised as a legitimate offset according to specification published by the British Standards Institute.

The current cost of a WCU varies based on levels of biodiversity and social impact.

Purchase Issuance Units

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There are also Purchase Issuance Units (PIU) which is a 'promise to deliver' a Woodland Carbon Unit in the future. It allows companies to plan to compensate for future UK-based emissions, or make credible CSR statements in support of woodland creation.



Grants available

Make the most of grants and support currently available to begin your carbon offsetting journey.



Planting

The planting costs of woodland credits are currently covered via several government schemes including the Woodland Creation Planning Grant and the England Woodland Creation Offer.



Maintenance

The England Woodland Creation Offer provides annual maintenance payments for the first 10 years of the woodland.



Opportunity for future resale

If you create fewer emissions than initially projected, Purchase Issuance Units (PIUs) can be sold to alternative companies and partners to be used in their accounts and reports.



Useful information

The legislation

The Government has committed to making climate related financial disclosure mandatory across the economy by 2025.

The Taskforce for Climate Related Financial Disclosure has created a basis for sustainable reporting and Sustainability Disclosure Requirements are currently under consultation.

Carbon neutrality vs carbon net zero

Carbon neutrality - a realistic target for business

- Not increasing carbon emissions
- Updating buildings and the existing infrastructure
- Changing operating processes
- Using offsets to reduce overall emissions – such as Woodland Carbon Units and the possibilities of land purchasing

Net zero - an aspirational future concept

- Ensuring a company has taken feasible steps to reduce its carbon emissions
- Using carbon offsetting as a last resort

Woodland Carbon Code

The Woodland Carbon Code is the project through which WCU and PIUs are regulated and sold.

It is internationally recognised as a high standard for sustainable forest and carbon management and is endorsed by the International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance - an organisation for carbon reduction and offset providers in the voluntary market.

Register your WCU/PIUs to take permanent control of a percentage of your carbon offset.





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SBM can help you identify carbon offsetting options including suitable woodland locations, provide inspections and shortlisting opportunities, negotiate terms and provide certification avenues.

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