

Carbon Reduction Plan



Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Boots is committed to achieving the NHS target to be Net Zero emissions by 2050, at a minimum and has made a further commitment to develop Science Based Targets as part of the Science Based Targets Initiative SBTi by November 2026.

Our 'Bootprint'

Our baseline and current year data scoping, collection and analysis has been performed in line with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard. This assessment includes Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions across the entire Boots (UK, ROI, Opticians) and No7 Beauty Company value chains, covering the financial year September 1 – August 31. Scope 3 categories relevant to our business are as follows:

Scope 3.01: Purchased goods & services

Scope 3.02: Capital goods

Scope 3.03: Fuel and energy related (not included in scope 1 and 2)

Scope 3.04: Upstream transportation and distribution

Scope 3.05: Waste generated in operations

Scope 3.06: Business travel

Scope 3.07: Employee commuting

Scope 3.09: Downstream transportation and distribution




Scope 3.11: Use of sold products

Scope 3.12: End of life of sold products




Scope 3.13: Downstream leased assets

Scope 3.14: Franchises

Baseline year emissions (2022)

Emissions	Total (tCO ₂ e)
 Scope 1	74,583
 Scope 2 (location based)	42,708
 Scope 3 (included sources)	1,104,821
Total emissions	1,222,113

Current year emissions (2024)

Emissions	Total (tCO ₂ e)
 Scope 1	62,855
 Scope 2 (location based)	41,059
 Scope 3 (included sources)	1,034,421
Total emissions	1,138,335

Carbon reduction initiatives

Boots has an emissions reduction plan in place to help deliver our ambitions and each year we calculate our carbon footprint so that we can measure our progress, re-baselining previous year's calculations where necessary to capture our continued data enhancements. In the past year Boots has committed to develop Science Based Targets as part of the Science Based Targets initiative and has also invested in a new software solution to enhance our carbon footprinting processes and support the initiatives already in place to reduce our scopes 1, 2 and 3 emissions.

These include initiatives such as transitioning to LED lighting, installing more efficient chiller doors, and introducing voltage optimization technology. The business is also exploring self-generation opportunities such as solar arrays and has partnered with a landlord to install a solar PV array on the roof of one of our stores which will serve as a model for future renewable energy projects across our estate.

To address emissions from our products Boots has also partnered with Manufacture 2030 (M2030), a platform dedicated to carbon reduction. This collaboration aids suppliers and manufacturers in measuring, managing and reducing their carbon emissions. The partnership not only provides Boots with comprehensive visibility of suppliers' emissions and reduction initiatives, but it also paves the way for suppliers to improve their operational and resource efficiency.

Boots maintains active memberships in industry groups such as Waste and Resource Action Program (WRAP), through which we continue to reduce overall tonnes of food waste year over year, and the Sustainable Medicines Partnership which targets waste of medicines and from medicines.

Boots also offers the innovative Recycle at Boots program, making it easier for consumers to give a second life to hard-to-recycle health, beauty, wellness and dental product packaging, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, lotion pumps and make up palettes. The Recycle at Boots scheme was the first of its kind in the UK, accepting all products, including those not purchased at Boots, and utilizing Scan2Recycle technology to encourage more sustainable habits. We also enable our customers to recycle a number of other hard to recycle items including insulin pens via PenCycle, a pioneering recycling program in the UK, and medication blister packs via our Blister Pack recycling scheme.

We also provide all of our employees with access to a net zero training module that has already been completed by approximately 25,000 team members in the past year, further supporting our environmental initiatives.

Declaration

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.

Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting .

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard .

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of Boots:

Date:

3 April 2025



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1. <https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>
2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>
3. <https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>