

## GETTING STARTED WITH SUSTAINABILITY

Resource / link	What is this useful for?
<b>Sport England: Sustainability hub</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this as a starting point if you are looking for general sustainability guidance, case studies, funding routes or training opportunities for your club, organisation or facility.
<b>Sport England: Sustainability maturity tool</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this to assess where your organisation is now and identify practical next steps across areas such as carbon, circular economy, biodiversity, blue-green spaces and long-term change.
<b>Sport England: Sustainable facilities and planning</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	
<b>BASIS: British Association for Sustainable Sport</b> ( <a href="https://basis.org.uk">basis.org.uk</a> )	Use this to connect with wider sport sustainability best practice, events, resources and learning from across the UK sports sector.
<b>BASIS / Sport Environment and Climate Coalition Resource Hub</b> ( <a href="https://basis.org.uk">basis.org.uk</a> )	Use this to access practical documents, guidance and resources that can help you take meaningful environmental action in a sport setting.
<b>BASIS Carbon Calculator Toolkit</b> ( <a href="https://basis.org.uk">basis.org.uk</a> )	Use this if you want to start measuring your carbon footprint and need simple tools, guidance and templates to help collect and report your data. Click 'access resource' to download the toolkit files and check your download folder.
<b>Buddle: Environmental sustainability resources</b> ( <a href="https://buddle.co">buddle.co</a> )	Use this for free, simple and accessible guidance if you are part of a grassroots club, community group or volunteer-led organisation.
<b>Sports Governance Academy: ESG tools, links and further reading</b> ( <a href="https://sports-governance-academy.org.uk">sports-governance-academy.org.uk</a> )	Use this if you are looking to build sustainability into governance, board discussions, policies or organisational decision-making.
<b>UK Sport: Environmental sustainability</b> ( <a href="https://uksport.gov.uk">uksport.gov.uk</a> )	Use this to understand how sustainability is being approached at a strategic level across high-performance sport and national governing bodies.
<b>UN Sports for Climate Action</b> ( <a href="https://unfccc.int">unfccc.int</a> )	Use this to understand the wider climate framework for sport and how organisations can align their work with climate action and emissions reduction.
<b>Carbon Trust: Better business guide to energy saving</b> ( <a href="https://carbontrust.com">carbontrust.com</a> )	Use this to identify practical ways to reduce energy use and costs across offices, depots, pavilions, clubhouses and other facilities.
<b>GOV.UK: Energy efficiency guidance for schools and FE estates</b> ( <a href="https://gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this if you manage or work with school or college sites and want guidance on reducing energy demand, costs and emissions.

## SPORTS TURF, PITCHES AND PLAYING SURFACES

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<b>Sport England: Outdoor surfaces</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this for guidance on the design, construction and maintenance of outdoor sports surfaces, including natural turf and artificial pitches.
<b>Sport England: Natural Turf for Sport</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this when planning, developing or maintaining natural turf pitches that need to be safe, playable and sustainable.
<b>Sport England: Artificial sports surfaces guidance</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this if you are involved in the planning, construction, maintenance or replacement of artificial sports surfaces.
<b>Sport England: Position statement on 3G pitches</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this to understand current information and frequently asked questions about 3G pitches, including infill materials and environmental considerations.
<b>Sport England: Assessing Needs and Playing Pitch Strategy guidance</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this if you are involved in planning pitch provision, developing a playing pitch strategy or assessing future facility needs.
<b>SAPCA: FAQs on infill materials in 3G artificial grass pitches</b> ( <a href="https://sapca.org.uk">sapca.org.uk</a> )	Use this to understand technical and environmental issues relating to infill materials used in 3G artificial grass pitches.

## WATER, DROUGHT AND DRAINAGE

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<b>Sport England: Sustainable facilities and planning</b> ( <a href="https://sportengland.org">sportengland.org</a> )	Use this for practical guidance on reducing running costs, improving sustainability and planning for drought, flooding and climate pressures.
<b>Environment Agency: Drought management in England</b> ( <a href="https://gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this to understand how drought is managed in England and what it may mean for water use, abstraction and site resilience.
<b>Sport England: Managing sports surfaces in drought conditions</b> ( <a href="https://Sports England">Sports England</a> )	Use this for sports-surface-specific guidance on managing pitches and playing surfaces during dry weather and drought conditions.

<b>CIRIA / Susdrain: SuDS guidance</b> ( <a href="https://www.susdrain.org">susdrain.org</a> )	Use this if you are considering sustainable drainage, surface water management, flood resilience or retrofit drainage options.
<b>GOV.UK: National standards for sustainable drainage systems</b> ( <a href="https://www.gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this when planning new developments or site improvements where surface water drainage and SuDS may need to be considered.
<b>STRI: Racecourse Water Management Best Practice Guide</b> ( <a href="https://www.strigroup.com">strigroup.com</a> )	Use this if you manage racecourse surfaces or large irrigated sites and want guidance on drainage, irrigation demand, soil moisture and water planning.

## BIODIVERSITY, NATURE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

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<b>Natural England: Green Infrastructure Framework</b> ( <a href="https://www.gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this to understand how green spaces, playing fields, parks and blue-green infrastructure can support people, nature and climate resilience.
<b>Natural England: Green Infrastructure Planning and Design Guide</b> ( <a href="https://www.naturalengland.org.uk">naturalengland.org.uk</a> )	Use this when planning or improving sites so that green infrastructure, biodiversity, access and long-term management are considered from the outset.
<b>GOV.UK: Biodiversity net gain guidance</b> ( <a href="https://www.gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this if your site is involved in development, redevelopment or habitat changes where biodiversity net gain may apply.
<b>GOV.UK: Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan for BNG</b> ( <a href="https://www.gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this if you need to plan, manage and monitor habitats over the longer term as part of biodiversity net gain or site enhancement work.
<b>Sports for Nature: Urban Playbook</b> ( <a href="https://www.sportsfornature.org">sportsfornature.org</a> )	Use this for practical ideas on bringing nature into clubs, venues, events and urban sporting environments.
<b>Fields in Trust Standards 2024</b> ( <a href="https://www.fieldsintrust.org">fieldsintrust.org</a> )	Use this if you are involved in the protection, planning or improvement of parks, playing fields, playgrounds or community green spaces.
<b>Historic England: Management of historic cemeteries</b> ( <a href="https://www.historicengland.org.uk">historicengland.org.uk</a> )	Use this if you manage historic cemeteries, burial grounds or churchyards and need to balance heritage, safety, access and wildlife value.
<b>APSE: Making space for nature in burial grounds</b> ( <a href="https://www.apse.org.uk">apse.org.uk</a> )	Use this for examples of how burial grounds and cemetery spaces can be managed to support biodiversity and nature recovery.
<b>RHS: Understanding and avoiding chemical use</b> ( <a href="https://www.rhs.org.uk">rhs.org.uk</a> )	Use this for accessible advice on reducing chemical use and considering non-chemical approaches where appropriate.

<b>RHS: Non-chemical weed control</b> ( <a href="https://www.rhs.org.uk">rhs.org.uk</a> )	Use this for practical non-chemical weed control ideas in amenity areas, borders, informal landscapes and lower-risk zones.
<b>RHS: Lawn and mini-meadow habitats</b> ( <a href="https://www.rhs.org.uk">rhs.org.uk</a> )	Use this for ideas on wildlife-friendly mowing, relaxed grass areas, meadow margins and non-playing areas.

## SPORT-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

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<b>ECB: Environmental Sustainability Plan for Cricket</b> ( <a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk">ecb.co.uk</a> )	Use this to understand cricket's sustainability priorities and how clubs and facilities can support the game's environmental ambitions.
<b>ECB: Energy and water consumption</b> ( <a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk">ecb.co.uk</a> )	Use this if your cricket club wants to understand and reduce energy and water use.
<b>ECB: Club and Facility Management</b> ( <a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk">ecb.co.uk</a> )	Use this for wider cricket club facility guidance, including practical operational considerations linked to sustainability.
<b>Football Foundation: Energy saving hints and tips</b> ( <a href="https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk">footballfoundation.org.uk</a> )	Use this if you manage football facilities and want practical ideas to reduce energy use and running costs.
<b>The FA: Facilities guidance</b> ( <a href="https://www.thefa.com">thefa.com</a> )	Use this for football-specific guidance on pitches, facilities, maintenance plans, performance standards and technical requirements.
<b>LTA: Become a more sustainable venue</b> ( <a href="https://www.lta.org.uk">lta.org.uk</a> )	Use this if you manage a tennis venue and want templates, energy guidance and action planning support.
<b>LTA Environmental Sustainability Plan</b> ( <a href="https://www.lta.org.uk">lta.org.uk</a> )	Use this to understand tennis-specific sustainability priorities, including venue support, energy, biodiversity and long-term environmental planning.
<b>England Rugby: Facilities</b> ( <a href="https://www.englandrugby.com">englandrugby.com</a> )	Use this if you manage rugby club facilities and want guidance on utility costs, buildings and site management.
<b>World Rugby: Rugby for Nature toolkit</b> ( <a href="https://www.world.rugby">world.rugby</a> )	Use this for simple, club-level actions to protect and improve nature around rugby pitches and facilities.
<b>The R&amp;A: Sustainable Agronomy</b> ( <a href="https://www.randa.org">randa.org</a> )	Use this if you manage or advise on golf course turf and want science-led guidance on sustainable agronomy and course conditioning.
<b>GEO Foundation / Sustainable Golf</b> ( <a href="https://www.sustainable.golf">sustainable.golf</a> )	Use this if you work in golf and want structured sustainability guidance, tools, examples or certification pathways.

<b>BIGGA: Sustainable Golf resources</b> ( <a href="http://bigga.org.uk">bigga.org.uk</a> )	Use this for greenkeeping-focused sustainability resources and examples from golf course management.
<b>British Horseracing Authority: Racing Resilient environmental strategy</b> ( <a href="http://britishhorseracing.com">britishhorseracing.com</a> )	Use this if you work in racing or racecourse management and want to understand the sector's approach to water, nature, climate and resilience.

## LEGISLATION, COMPLIANCE AND RESPONSIBLE INPUTS

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<b>GOV.UK: Integrated Pest Management guidance</b> ( <a href="http://gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this to understand integrated pest management and how to reduce reliance on chemical controls while still managing pests, weeds and diseases effectively.
<b>UK Pesticides National Action Plan 2025</b> ( <a href="http://gov.uk">gov.uk</a> )	Use this to understand the direction of UK pesticide policy and the emphasis on safe, sustainable use and IPM.
<b>Amenity Forum: Education, training, skills and compliance guidance</b> ( <a href="http://amenityforum.co.uk">amenityforum.co.uk</a> )	Use this to understand training, competence and compliance requirements for pesticide use in amenity, sports turf and grounds management settings.
<b>HSE: Operator training in amenity horticulture and sports turf</b> ( <a href="http://hse.gov.uk">hse.gov.uk</a> )	Use this to understand good practice around operator training for machinery used in amenity horticulture and sports turf.
<b>HSE: Using tractors safely</b> ( <a href="http://hse.gov.uk">hse.gov.uk</a> )	Use this if you or your team use tractors or tractor-operated machinery and need practical safety guidance.
<b>RHS: Managing pests and diseases without chemicals</b> ( <a href="http://rhs.org.uk">rhs.org.uk</a> )	Use this for non-chemical plant health approaches, especially in ornamental, landscape and informal green space areas.