



Oakland Care

The Greener Care Choice

Becoming a Greener Business

We're
celebrating our
Greener Month

The King's Award for enterprise



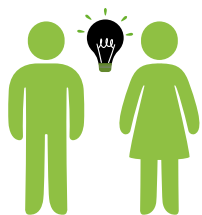
Oakland Care has been awarded The King's Award for Enterprise in Sustainability.

This is the most prestigious award for UK businesses, recognising and celebrating business excellence across the UK.

As a first for the Social Care Sector, this award reinforces our belief that sustainability should sit at the heart of everything we do.

As a recipient, we have demonstrated outstanding success in sustainability with an award His Majesty The King has personally approved.

Leadership and Culture



Doing the right thing for the environment is a key priority at Oakland Care. Sustainability is led by our CEO and our green committee is made up of leaders and team members from across the company. Our sustainability strategy, and progress against this, are reported and discussed on a monthly basis by the leadership team and Oakland Care board.

Our Green Committee is working to ensure the right practices are in place and sustainability is at the forefront of all the conversions we have with our residents, colleagues, professionals, and suppliers.

Employee Engagement



Our team members are passionate about the environment and sustainability. We have developed training and engagement programmes to help empower them to play their part in delivering against our environmental focus areas.

Green Week



Every September we celebrate our Oakland Care 'Greener Month'. Each Care Home runs local green events. Events include litter picks, beach cleans and tree planting. Our Care Homes also celebrate the events by hosting talks and activities, inviting the local community to share what we are doing.

Biodiversity

Increasingly, our residents are interested in how their gardens and outdoor space can be used to deliver sustainable projects that can help nature's recovery. We have been working with our residents to deliver biodiversity projects across our care homes.

We also give back to our local communities by giving our time to local biodiversity projects (funded by Oakland Care). All of our homes have created local wildflower gardens and developed areas of land with features specially designed to attract wildlife such as frogs, bats, butterflies, bees and other insects. Oakland Care is also a corporate partner of the Woodland Trust.



Working With Our Suppliers



Our suppliers are a big part of helping us be the greener care choice. We are working in collaboration with suppliers to deliver efficiencies and more sustainable solutions and have already reduced delivery miles by 30%.



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Responsible Procurement And Reducing Waste

We understand that how we source our supplies and dispose of our waste can have a huge impact on communities and the environment and we have a responsibility to source, use and dispose of supplies sustainably.

We have implemented high sustainability requirements through our tendering processes with suppliers to ensure that the supplies we procure are produced and delivered with a lower level of environmental impact.

We are actively working with our suppliers to identify more sustainable alternative materials and opportunities to reduce their use. For example, our cleaning products, which have zero harmful properties, have reduced plastic waste by 90%.

All of our food waste is recycled and we have invested in new pioneering technology that reduces the volume of clinical waste produced by our Homes.



Sustainable Construction & Growth



Each of our new builds is carefully designed on an individual basis to ensure that it takes advantage of new opportunities to reduce its impact on the environment.



All of the homes that we own now have a BREEAM accreditation of 'Very Good' or 'Excellent'. BREEAM is an internationally recognised certification which assesses the building's specification, design, construction and use for its impact on the environment across 51 criteria.

Green Mark Level 3 Accreditation



Green Mark provides an internationally recognised environmental certification that ensures our residents and employees that we are conducting business to recognised environmental standards.

Through Green Mark we have the correct tools to monitor and reduce our emissions going forward, as well as communicating internally and externally how we are doing this.

We are now Green Mark level 3 certified and a Green Mark 'Green Champion' business.

Carbon Neutrality



In 2021, Oakland Care became the first UK care home group to be certified as Carbon Neutral. This important certification has been achieved for the 5th year running in 2026.

Carbon neutrality is just one small step in our sustainable journey to net zero.