

# EAUC Member Spotlight

## Oxford Brookes University

*At the EAUC, we're really proud of the sustainability excellence that exists within our Membership. We see it as one of our main responsibilities to celebrate and share this excellence with the sector to inspire others. That's why we create Member Spotlights: to understand more about an institution, including its challenges and how it approaches sustainability, so we can give the recognition it deserves.*



Oxford Brookes University is committed to the principle and practice of environmental protection and sustainable development. It is working towards achieving its ambitious targets to ensure that the University has a positive impact on the world.

Oxford Brookes is based at three sites in Oxford: Headington, Wheatley and Harcourt Hill and has a presence across numerous other sites including Halls of Residence. With almost 3,000 employees and 19,000 students, Oxford Brookes is the sixth largest employer in Oxfordshire and a key signatory to Low Carbon Oxford.

### Oxford sustainability facts

❖ Oxford Brookes continues to maintain its First Class rating in the People and Planet Green League

❖ The University has invested over £1m in energy efficiency improvements since 2010

❖ Recycling rates now stand at 62%, up from 52% in 2012

❖ Over 7,000 students have received BROOKESbus keys in 2013 as part of their halls or tuition fee packages with 63% of staff and students rating the BROOKESbus Service as 'good' or 'very good'

❖ Around 70% of Brookes' students say that sustainability is important to their future careers

❖ The University's subsidised Bike Doctor Service continues to be successful in helping keep staff and students commuting by cycle. Many staff also use the tax free cycle scheme at the University


❖ The University has recently joined the Oxon Bike scheme which achieved 600 users in its first month

❖ Our new car club with Hertz provides an electric car option for staff and students to try, with various electric charging points available throughout the University.

❖ The University has extended the Environmental Management System ISO14001 across the Wheatley, Headington and Harcourt Hill Campuses. Only 21 UK universities have the ISO14001 standard

❖ Oxford Brookes now holds more Green Flag Awards than any other UK university

❖ Oxford Brookes was the world's first Fair-trade university back in 2003

Oxford Brookes is proud of its achievements. The University has clear ambitions for the future to continue to make a major contribution in the sustainability field through its behaviour as an organisation, research, teaching and knowledge exchange. 

**Information on all of Oxford Brookes' sustainability activities, and progress made, is available at [www.brookes.ac.uk/about-brookes/sustainability/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/about-brookes/sustainability/). For all EAUC Member Spotlights, visit [www.eauc.org.uk/member\\_of\\_the\\_month](http://www.eauc.org.uk/member_of_the_month).**

### EAUC INFO



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with a membership of over 200 universities and colleges, supporting sustainability within the UK tertiary education sector.

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