**Funder Commitment on Climate Change**

**Year 3 Report**

The Samworth Foundation became a signatory to the Funder Commitment on Climate Change in January 2020. The Funder Commitment on Climate Change recognises that the impact of climate change is wide ranging, and a serious threat to funders achieving their charitable objectives. Funders therefore have a responsibility to ensure they are managing and distributing resources in a way that understands and responds to this emergency.

The Commitment provides funders with a framework for considering how their investments, operations and funding can both help tackle the causes and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Our progress towards these goals is outlined below.

| Commitment | Progress, 2022 |
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| 1. Educate and learn
 | * Staff and Trustees visited and met with grantholders and other organisations working to combat climate change and protect and restore our natural world, this has included visits to an organic farm, two nature-friendly farms, a fixing factory, and a rewilding site.
* Staff and Trustees attended webinars, conferences, and other learning events on climate change, land management and biodiversity, including the Environmental Funders Network (EFN) Retreat.
* We continued our membership of the EFN, enabling us to access online webinars, reports, and in-person learning events.
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| 1. Commit resources
 | 50% of the Foundation’s annual core funding is given to organisations working to champion environmental recovery and/or combat climate change and its effects. The work we fund under this programme includes improving biodiversity, engaging people with the climate movement, and sustainable land use. Examples of new awards this year include: a grant to the Trade Justice Movement for their work on trade that supports climate goals, core funding to Global Canopy, a charity using data to enable a transition away from economic practices that destroy nature, and Climate Outreach, who are experts in climate communications.Recognising that climate change impacts on those who contribute to the issue the least, some of our funding is directed to work in the Global South; this year we made a grant to Ripple Effect for work in Ethiopia that aims to mitigate the impacts of climate change by supporting agroecological farming techniques and works to empower communities to be financially secure. |
| 1. Integrate
 | * Through our Transformation and Innovation Fund, we continued to support non-environmental grantholders to engage with the climate change agenda. For example, in 2022, we awarded a grant to the Association of Young People’s Health to enable their Youth Advisory Panel to undertake an inquiry into the implications of environmental change on young people’s health.
* We are exploring the links between our environment programme and work in the anti-slavery space (50% of our portfolio is directed at work to end modern slavery and exploitation). Our grant to Ripple Effect for work that supports sustainable farming and works to empower communities, straddles both of our core grant programmes. By helping communities to be both financially and food secure, the work will reduce the risk of climate migration, therefore reducing the risk of people being exploited.
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| 1. Steward our investments for a post carbon future
 | * We are working towards decarbonising our investments, and undertake regular Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) reviews of our investment portfolio.
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| 1. Decarbonise our operations
 | * The staff team continues to use a hybrid working model, reducing the need to travel to and from the office.
* When in-person meetings are necessary, wherever possible, staff and Trustees use public transport.
* A large number of meetings organised by the Foundation and attended by staff and Trustees take place virtually.
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