

Funder Commitment on Climate Change Year 6 Report

The Samworth Foundation became a signatory to the Funder Commitment on Climate Change (FCCC) in January 2020. The FCCC 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, 2025
1. Educate and learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employees and trustees visited and met with grant holders and other organisations working to enhance nature and address climate change. ▪ Employees and trustees attended webinars, conferences, and other learning events on climate change, land management and biodiversity, including the Oxford Real Farming Conference, Groundswell, and the Environmental Funders Network (EFN) Retreat. ▪ We attended meetings with other funders with similar interests to share learning, with one group focussing on the food and farming system, and the other on chemicals. ▪ We continued our membership of the EFN, enabling us to access online webinars, reports, and in-person learning events.
2. Commit resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50% of the Foundation's annual core funding is given to organisations working towards 'Better agricultural systems that enhance nature and address climate change'. This year our grants budget increased by 10%. ▪ Through this funding stream, the Foundation seeks to support initiatives that raise the ambition of governments and others to reform policy and legislation that balance climate, nature, and food production, and work that demonstrates the benefits of climate and nature positive farming. Examples of awards this year include grants to Food, Farming and Countryside Commission; Local Storytelling Exchange; and Pesticide Action Network UK.
3. Integrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We continue to explore the links between climate change, environmental harm and modern slavery (50% of our portfolio is directed at work to end modern slavery and exploitation). This year we launched a new fund, 'Protecting people and planet from exploitation and harm', to support organisations working at this intersection in the Global South. The focus is on Initiatives that seek to prevent the exploitation of people and nature in the food and farming sectors. Within this programme are grants awarded to Global Canopy and FIND (Financial Investigations for Non-Profit Design).

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4. Steward our investments for a post carbon future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We joined the EFN's Environmental Impact Investing Group to learn more about environmental impact investing and develop our work in this area. ▪ We receive bi-annual Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) information regarding our investments. ▪ This year we also met with one of our main fund managers to discuss their actions around ESG factors.
5. Decarbonise our operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The staff team uses a hybrid working model, reducing the need to travel to and from the office. ▪ When in-person meetings are necessary, wherever possible, employees and trustees use public transport. ▪ A number of meetings organised by the Foundation take place virtually.