**Our Environmental Impact**

Buckinghamshire Business First is working hard to reduce the environmental impact of our events and lower our carbon footprint as much as possible. We are doing this through:

* **Reducing the use of single use items** which can produce a vast amount of waste and be very damaging to the planet. We avoid the use of single use plastics and take action to mitigate food waste wherever possible.
* **Reusing,** including asking attendees to return their lanyards or badge covers after events so they can be used again.
* **Recycling suitable materials,** like plastic, cardboard, and paper, and ensuring that when we do print, we do so on recycled paper.
* **Saving trees** by using digital communications where possible – including invitations, and using QR codes rather than paper flyers where appropriate.
* **Accounting for and offsetting carbon** – all events hosted by BBF have their emissions calculated and offset through Gold Standard Verified offsetting programmes.
* **Education and awareness,** ensuring delegates join us on our journey to Net Zero.

If you have any suggestions of other ways that we can reduce our environmental impact at our events – do let us know at [events@bbf.uk.com](http://events@bbf.uk.com/).