



CLIMATE ACTION AUDIT



INTRODUCTION

Climate change is already affecting football in Wales. More frequent heavy rainfall, flooding, storms, drought, heatwaves and water shortages are creating challenges for pitches, facilities, volunteers, players and local communities.

Taking action now helps Clubs become more resilient, reduce their environmental impact and prepare for future challenges. Every Club, regardless of size or location, has a role to play in supporting Wales' transition to a more sustainable future.

This Climate Action Readiness Audit has been developed to help Clubs understand how prepared they are to respond to climate change and identify practical opportunities to reduce risks, lower carbon emissions and strengthen long-term resilience.

This resource will help your Club to:

- Understand how prepared your Club is for climate change.
- Identify climate-related risks affecting your facilities and activities.
- Review how your Club currently manages carbon emissions.
- Assess awareness and understanding of climate issues within the Club.
- Identify opportunities to improve resilience and reduce environmental impact.
- Prioritise future climate action as part of your Together Greener journey.





WHY AUDIT?

Why Complete a Climate Action Readiness Audit?

Climate action is about both reducing the causes of climate change (mitigation) and preparing for its impacts (adaptation).

Football Clubs across Wales are already experiencing:

- Increased fixture disruption due to flooding.
- Damage from storms, flooding and extreme weather.
- Pressure on pitches during periods of flooding, drought and heat.
- Rising energy and operating costs.
- Greater expectations from members, communities and funding organisations to demonstrate environmental responsibility.

Completing this audit helps your Club understand where you are today and identify practical actions that can improve resilience while supporting Wales' wider environmental ambitions.

There are no right or wrong answers. The purpose is to establish a baseline and identify realistic opportunities for improvement.



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AUDIT COMPLETION

How to Complete the Audit

This audit should ideally be completed by your Club's Green Team, committee or a small group of volunteers with knowledge of how the Club operates.

Consider involving representatives from across the Club, such as:

- Committee members.
- Coaches.
- Volunteers.
- Grounds staff.
- Facility managers.
- Players.
- Parents or guardians.
- Youth representatives or your Youth Ambassador.

For each question, simply answer Yes or no. The aim is not to achieve a perfect score but to identify practical opportunities for improvement.

Repeat the audit annually to monitor progress and celebrate the actions your Club has taken.





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Club Name:

Date:

Leadership & Planning

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does your Club recognise climate action as a priority?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Does your Club have sustainability or climate objectives?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are climate risks considered when making major decisions?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Has someone been given responsibility for climate or sustainability?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is climate action discussed at committee meetings?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Carbon Emissions

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does your Club understand its main sources of carbon emissions?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have you measured your Club's carbon footprint or key emissions?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have you identified opportunities to reduce emissions?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are travel emissions considered when planning Club activities?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are energy efficiency measures helping reduce emissions?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Climate Awareness & Education

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Have committee members received climate awareness information?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are volunteers encouraged to support sustainability initiatives?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are players informed about climate-related actions?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is climate action communicated to members and parents?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Does your Club celebrate sustainability successes?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Extreme Weather

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Has your Club experienced disruption from extreme weather?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have you assessed weather-related risks to facilities?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Do you have procedures for severe weather events?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is equipment protected from storms and high winds?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are weather warnings monitored before activities?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Flood Risk & Water Management

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Has your Club assessed flood risk?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are buildings or pitches vulnerable to flooding?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are drains and gullies regularly maintained?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are natural drainage features used where possible?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have measures been introduced to slow rainwater runoff?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Heat & Water Shortages

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Has your Club considered the impacts of hotter weather?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are shaded areas available for players and spectators?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Does your Club promote hydration during hot weather?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have you identified opportunities to reduce water use?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Do you collect rainwater or reuse water where possible?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Nature-Based Solutions

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does your Club have native trees or woodland?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are hedgerows managed for wildlife?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have areas been created for pollinators or biodiversity?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are green spaces helping manage water naturally?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are opportunities being explored to increase tree cover?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Emergency Planning & Business Continuity

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does your Club have an emergency response plan?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Does the plan include severe weather events?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are emergency contacts regularly reviewed?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is valuable equipment protected from flood or storm damage?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Has the Club reviewed insurance for climate-related risks?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Community Leadership

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does your Club support community climate initiatives?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have you partnered with local environmental organisations?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Do you communicate climate action achievements publicly?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Do members understand how they can contribute?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are young people involved in sustainability activities?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Additional Observations

USE THIS SPACE TO CAPTURE ANY OTHER ISSUES OR OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT.

Audit completed by:



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AUDIT FINDINGS

Once you have completed the audit, review your answers and identify the areas where your Club has the greatest opportunity to improve.

Focus first on actions that are:

- Easy to implement.
- Low or no cost.
- Likely to deliver the greatest environmental benefit.
- Improve resilience to future climate impacts.
- Engage members and volunteers.

Remember that climate action is an ongoing journey. Small improvements made consistently can deliver significant long-term benefits for your Club, community and environment.



NEXT STEPS

Use your audit findings to develop a simple Climate Action Plan.

You may wish to prioritise actions such as:

- Measuring your Club's carbon footprint.
- Developing a Sustainability Strategy.
- Creating a Green Team.
- Reducing energy and water consumption.
- Improving sustainable travel.
- Planting native trees and enhancing biodiversity.
- Preparing facilities for flooding and extreme weather.
- Raising climate awareness among members and volunteers.
- Monitoring and reporting your progress each year.





FURTHER SUPPORT

The impact of climate change on football is already significant, and Clubs should take a pro-active approach to become more resilient, reduce their environmental impact and prepare for future challenges.

Use what you have learned in this resource to:

- Understand your Club's climate readiness.
- Identify the greatest climate-related risks facing your Club.
- Prioritise actions that improve resilience and reduce carbon emissions.
- Build climate awareness among members and volunteers.
- Develop a practical Climate Action Plan.
- Monitor progress and review your readiness each year.
- Support your Club's Together Greener journey and contribute to a more resilient, sustainable future for football in Wales.

By completing this audit, your Club has taken an important step towards creating a sustainable Club and supporting the goals of the FAW Together Greener programme.

Further information on sustainable Club Management can be found at www.faw.cymru/togethergreener-management

If you require support completing this audit, please contact sustainability@faw.cymru