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OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT FACT SHEET

CARBON FOOTPRINT COME FROM FOUR MAIN AREAS...

- Home: the gas and electricity used to heat, light and power our houses
- Transport: cars, public transport and planes
- Food: production and transport
- Consumption: All other goods and activities

Everything that we do or consume causes emission of Greenhouse Gases, which cause the planet to heat up. There are different gases including carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane and nitrous oxide and they have different potencies and duration of impact on climate change.

To be able to compare different activities and products, each product is given a value, in terms of CO₂ production.

The more we consume the bigger our footprint and the more our impact on the global temperature.

The average person in this country has a footprint 30 times higher than people in poorer third world countries.

You can use a carbon footprint calculator to see what your footprint is and how you might be able to reduce it.

Useful websites.....

Here are two carbon footprint calculators:

WWF: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

Climate Stewards: <https://footprintr.me/>

'Count us in' is also a good website which recommends manageable steps you can take to reduce your own carbon footprint and to challenge world leaders. Each step shows the impact and the effort required.: <https://www.count-us-in.org/en-gb/>

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