

# How to achieve Gold level



The Carbon Charter Gold Level requires you to meet all requirements of the Bronze and Silver Levels and, in addition, demonstrate you are a Net Zero Leader.

## Be a Net Zero leader

The Carbon Charter will look for demonstrable evidence you are committed to Net Zero and champion the agenda to others. The evidence will vary depending upon the size and nature of the organisation, its activities, and how it plans to reach Net Zero.

Auditors will want to see the majority (but not necessarily all) of the following requirements are being met:

1. Sustainable procurement policy and actions
2. Excellent waste minimisation and recycling streams
3. Energy efficiency premises and equipment (where possible)
4. Communicating emissions reductions and Net Zero values to customers and suppliers
5. Beginning to measure and reduce upstream and downstream Scope 3 emissions
6. Broader environmental actions such as increasing biodiversity, local community engagement, litter picking etc
7. Having a Net Zero commitment and target date with realistic and achievable action plan

The Panel will judge what is sufficient for the organisation's specific circumstances (recognising that achieving reductions can become progressively more difficult); having a Net Zero commitment and a target date, and an action plan to get there is used as a guide for Gold.

## What do we mean by Net Zero?

The main goal for the term 'Net Zero Carbon' means cutting greenhouse gas emissions to as close to zero as possible. After this step, remaining emissions can be re-absorbed from the atmosphere.

Although it's almost impossible to completely stop creating greenhouse gas emissions, the aim is to reduce them as much as we can and use tree planting, carbon sequestration, or similar, to achieve Net Zero.



For further help or support please contact a Carbon Charter advisor.