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High House Fruit Farm



Delivered by Groundwork East and overseen by the Environment Agency and Suffolk County Council on behalf of the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership, the Carbon Charter provides guidance, support, and recognition to small and medium businesses throughout Suffolk and Norfolk as they take positive action towards Net Zero.

Background:

High House Fruit Farm grows a wide variety of fruit. As well as selling it fresh, they make juices from their apples and jams from soft-fruit. All produce is sold locally. At the farm shop you can buy ready-picked fruit in season or, you can 'Pick Your Own'. Fruit and juices are sold in local shops and restaurants, and at farmers' markets within 12 miles radius. There is also a self-catering holiday cottage onsite and a small campsite which enables people to spend time in the quiet and unspoilt surroundings of the farm.

Sustainability Initiatives:

- Improved efficiency use of freezers - only running 3 newer models, used to run 8 or 9 partially full.
- Improved journey planning and delivery schedule has reduced journeys.
- LED bulbs upgraded.
- Newer tractor has replaced less efficient model.
- Holiday cottage has only weekly lets (resulted in reduced energy use for laundry and cleaning).

Quote from owners Piers and Suvi:

"At High House Fruit Farm we care about our land and always try to farm with care and consideration for the environment. The farm was purchased in 1959 and every hedgerow that was here then is still here today.

Many have been augmented by plantings of native tree species to provide shelter for the fruit plantations and natural habitats for wildlife. New hedgerows have also been established. In all, over 3,000 trees have been planted in the hedgerows and shelter belts."

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