

British Mountaineering Council Climate Emergency Declaration

The BMC recognises that there is a climate emergency that is already affecting large parts of the world, including upland and mountain areas that we love and which form the basis of our outdoor activities. As well as providing opportunities for recreation, adventure and quiet enjoyment, these mountain areas provide vital services such as flood management, carbon sinks, clean air and water, and wildlife habitats, and are home to millions of people across the world.

The BMC understands the need to respond urgently to the climate emergency across all sectors of society - to cut carbon and GHG emissions in order to help avoid the very worst effects of climate change and to prevent reaching significant tipping points, and to adapt to a low-carbon economy and prepare for a changing climate.

The BMC commits to implementing a strategy to address the climate emergency by:

- halving emissions from its operations* by 2030 and aiming to achieve net-zero by 2040 by investing in local landscape-restoration projects that help store carbon and other carbon reduction projects, setting a science-based target, and reducing emissions through energy-efficiency, the use of renewable energy, reduced travel and lower-carbon forms of travel.
- using its influence to encourage and support its members, partners, stakeholders and others to measure and then reduce their carbon emissions in line with science-based targets, and ensuring it does not take actions that prevent targets being met.
- promoting the role that BMC and UK-based climbers, walkers and mountaineers can play in increasing awareness of the impacts of climate change, and supporting upland communities already affected in the UK and internationally.
- ensuring that climate considerations are front and centre in all our on-going policies, activities, communications and events.

*Operations refers to emissions from energy used in BMC owned properties (electricity and gas) - scope 1 & 2 emissions, and travel undertaken by staff and volunteers to and from meetings as well as other scope 3 emissions that are paid for or produced by the BMC.
