

THE OAK TREE LOW CARBON FARM



Sector	Agriculture	The logo for The Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm, featuring a stylized oak leaf above the text 'The Oak Tree' and 'Low Carbon Farm' below it.
Business size	1-9	
Areas of green Expertise	Communication (external), Food, Staff engagement, Travel	
Website	www.the-oak-tree.co.uk	

Short description

The aim of Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm is to produce good food all year round, with the lowest possible carbon emissions, as a viable business – and having a good time while doing so!

Environmental highlights

- Low carbon farming
- Community supported agriculture (CSA)
- Carbon sequestering in soil
- Wildlife habitat creation
- Green transport initiatives

Green credentials

Gold Carbon Charter, Permaculture Association LAND Demonstration farm, nomination for Greenest County Award in 2011 and 2012.

A summary of environmental achievements

- Suffolk's first vegetable community supported agriculture scheme
- Ongoing reduction in carbon emissions from a very low baseline
- Very local, low carbon delivery and transport initiatives
- Local low carbon fertiliser sourcing
- Use of appropriate technologies to reduce carbon emissions of growing

Personal testimony

Setting up The Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm has been my greatest challenge yet, but also the most worthwhile. The key to our success has been engaging the community to help develop our sustainable food plans, and having a good time while doing so!

Key lessons

Keep the vision. Don't be tempted by funding schemes etc that distract from what you are trying to achieve. Keep focused, but flexible.

Where did I get my advice

Personal experience and knowledge, the experience and the enthusiasm and of Transition Ipswich and CSA members, Making Local Food Work CSA project.