

Carbon footprint report

Rise

Year 4

April 24 to March 25



Commit



Measure



Reduce



Engage





Step one.

Commitment





Company Overview

Rise is a registered charity, company number 07176549, registered in England & Wales with a registered address of Royal Quays Business Centre Coble Dene, Royal Quays, North Shields, England, NE29 6DE

Industry – Charity

No of staff – 32 averaged over the reporting year

Accreditations – Investors In the Environment Green

Rise is a charity, funded and supported by Sport England, and several other national and local organisations, and is part of a network of 43 Active Partnerships across England.

We are based in one serviced office in North Tyneside. We do not manufacture anything.

At Rise we understand the value of the environment in being physically active and advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to the design and operation of our surroundings.

It is important to design and adapt the environment to encourage physical activity in our everyday lives, making active choice the easy choice and to ensure that active and sustainable environments and communities exist across our region of Northumberland and Tyne & Wear.

At Rise we understand that talking to our stakeholders about the environment requires us as an organisation to also understand our own impact. We are therefore committed to achieving net-zero 2030. Making this commitment demonstrates a clear focus on getting ahead of the challenge, making a difference to our business, our people and our communities.





Introduction

The following document provides Rise's full greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for the 2024/25 Financial Year. Rise's reporting processes and emissions classifications are consistent with international protocols and standards. This report has been prepared in accordance with the International Standards Organisation standard ISO 14064-1:2018, the Greenhouse Gas Protocol and Environmental Reporting Guidelines.

Purpose

Rise's intent is to demonstrate best practice with respect to consistency, comparability and completeness in the accounting of greenhouse gas emissions.

This report:

- Relates to emissions for the Rise's operations and uses the operational control methodology.
- Has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ISO 14064-1: 2018 standard.
- Endeavors to use primary data wherever possible but especially surrounding all major emissions sources. Where primary data is not available, a consistent and conservative approach to calculation will be applied utilizing robust industry standards.

Persons Responsible

The provided GHG Inventory and Report has been prepared by our sustainability consultants, Sustainable Business Services, in partnership Rise's Sustainability team.

Overall responsibility lies with Clare Morley, CEO

Responsibility for the preparation of the report and inventory:

- James Staniforth, Founder – Sustainable Business Services
- Suzanne McDermott – Infrastructure & Environmental Strategic Lead
- Kay Scott – Finance & Business Support Manager



Our Climate Commitment – UNFCCC Race to Zero

Rise recognises that climate change poses a threat to the economy, nature and society-at-large, our company commits to taking action immediately in a full and lasting commitment by;

1. For our company to achieve Net Zero in line with the Science Based targets set out by the UNFCCC i.e., to achieve Net Zero no later than 2050 and target a 50% reduction in Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 2030.
2. To set realistic short- and long-term targets
3. To maintain and report the total GHG emissions of our business regularly

In doing so, we are proud to be recognised by the United Nations Race to Zero campaign, and join governments, businesses, cities, regions, and universities around the world that share the same mission.

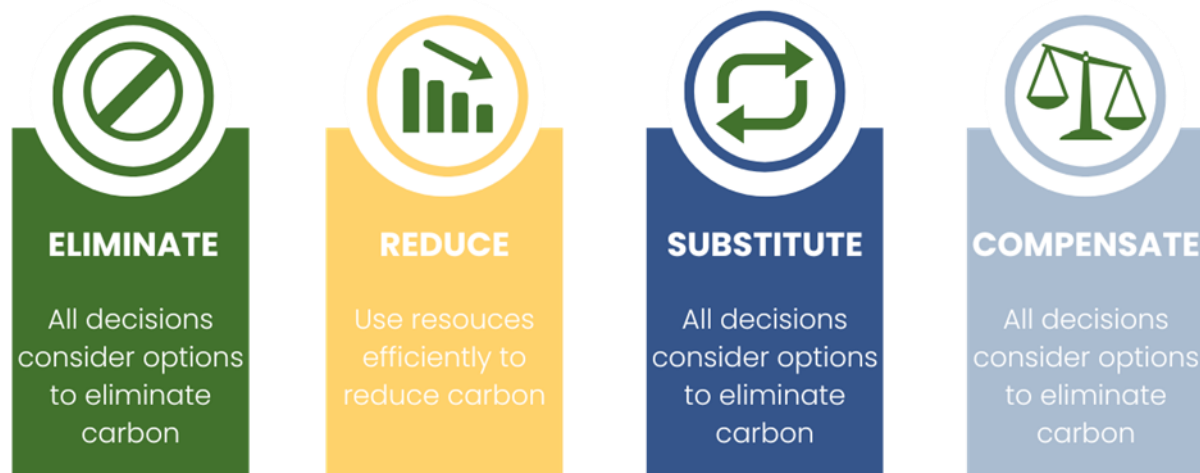
We acknowledge that our commitment will be reported on the SME Climate Hub website. Rise made our pledge to the Race to Zero on 26/10/21. The record of our pledge can be found [SME Climate Hub](#)

	50% Reduction	Net-Zero
Scope 1	2025	2030
Scope 2	2025	2030
Scope 3	2030	2030



Net-Zero Strategy

In determining our carbon reduction plan, we follow the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Management Hierarchy set out by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA). Rise is committed to prioritising the elimination, substitution, and reduction of carbon in advance of any offsetting commitments.



Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented during this reporting period;

- 100% renewable electricity at our office
- Sustainability Consultant employed to track, report and work to drive our understanding and emissions data
- Energy and water usage is subject to regular reviews
- Carbon Literacy training to 100% of staff
- Investors in the Environment Green Award
- Audit our waste quarterly and launched our waste management plan



Step two.

Measure





Total carbon emissions
17,626 kgCO₂e

Intensity Metrics



Per Employee

This Period

553.12 kg/co₂e

Last Period

5.75 % ↑ 523.02 kg/co₂e



Per m² Office Space

This Period

135.56 kg/co₂e

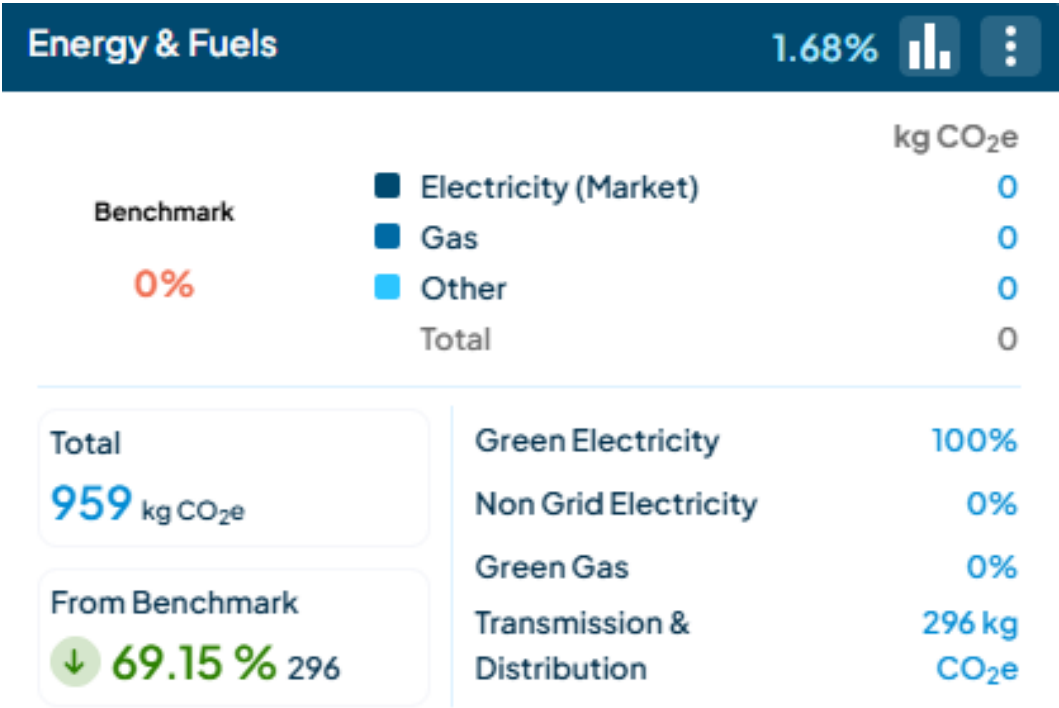
Last Period

8.02 % ↑ 125.5 kg/co₂e

Reporting Year: April 24 – March 25

Rise emitted 17.6 tCO₂e (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent¹) across scope 1, 2 and 3 and reported using the operational control methodology. This is the equivalent to 16 long haul flights (London to New York). This represents a 2.77% increase from our benchmark year and is a result of business growth and increased reporting emissions (Scope 3 Category 1).

This can be presented as an intensity indicator of 553 kgCO₂e per total full-time equivalent employee (FTE) or 135 kgCO₂e per m² Office Space.

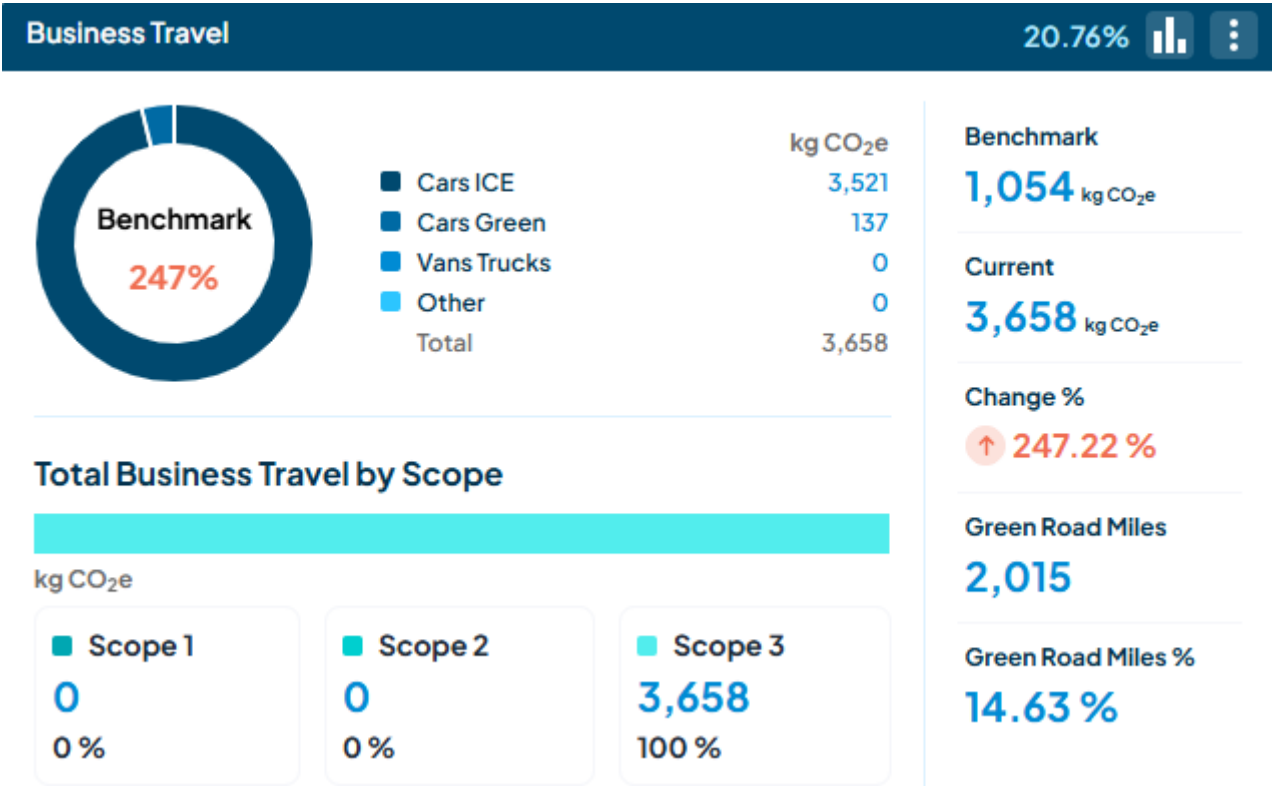


Rise operates from one central office in North Tyneside, working a business wide hybrid working pattern – Rise commenced a 4-day working week trial in June 2023 that’s was extended to May 25

Only electricity is used at site and is a 100% renewable tariff. Data was calculated using whole building usage data and apportioning to our office size.

Associated emissions represent a >100% reduction from our benchmark year using the market-based calculation method.

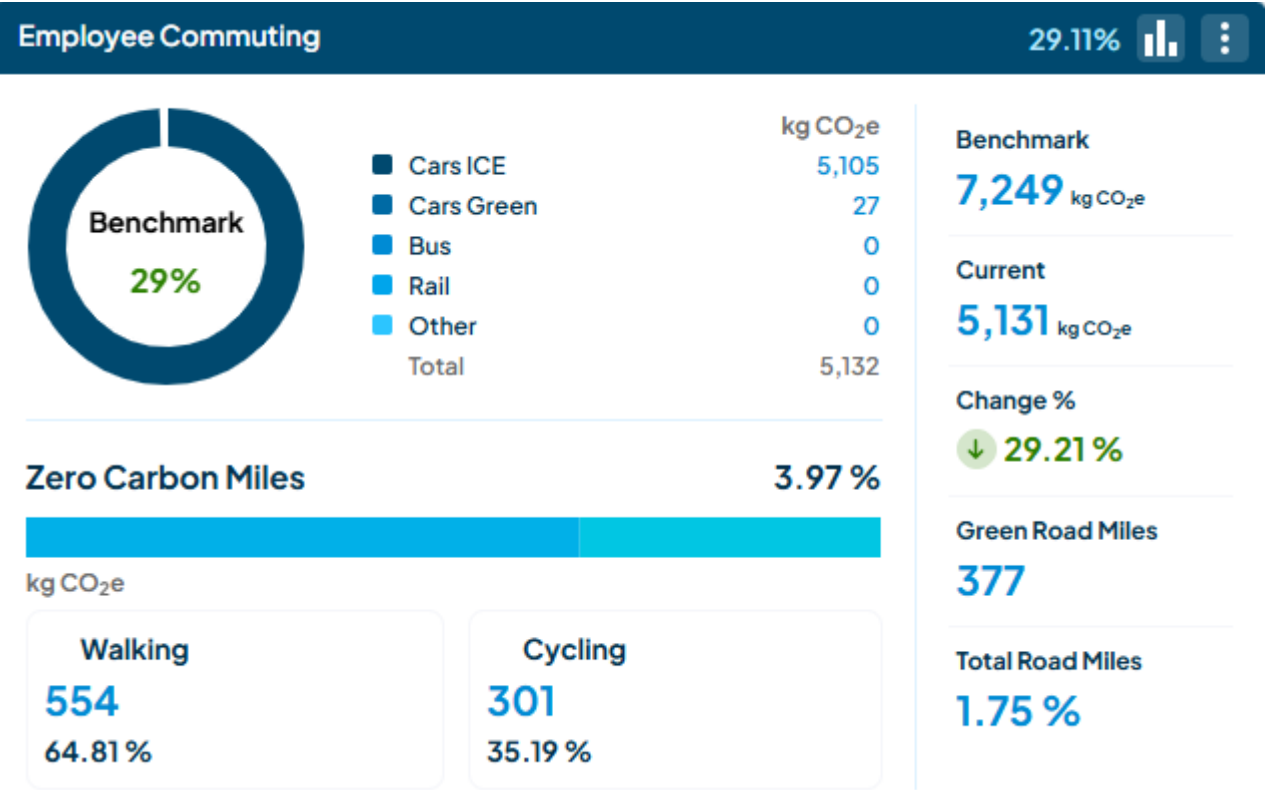
Location based electricity emissions would total 3.34 tCO₂e.



Rise`s business travel is 20.76% of emissions and essential to provide services to clients.

This represents a 247% increase from our benchmark year and is an indication of increased business and more associated travel along with an increase in headcount.

We launched our EV Salary Sacrifice scheme in July 24 to support and encourage staff to move to EV's with our first staff member having taken up the scheme.



As a business employing over 32 people (average for the reporting year), developing our culture and working to deliver our products and services to clients means working from our site is essential to business.

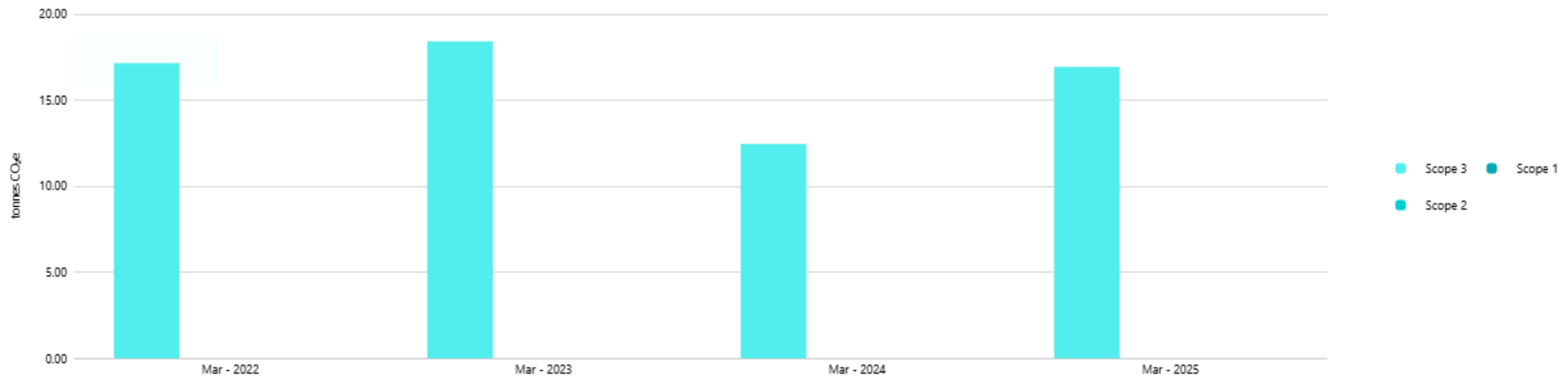
Related emissions are 29.11% (5.1tCO₂e) of total emissions, this represents a 29% reduction from our benchmark year, whilst our workforce has grown by 27%

Commuting data was calculated using staff surveys and extrapolated over the year.



We have worked hard to reduce our Scopes 1&2 emissions to 0 and are bringing together a strategy to consider Scope 3 emissions and supply chain engagement. Program to launch in 2026 to enable a clearer understanding of key impact areas and an ability to move away from spend based factors reduce associated emissions.

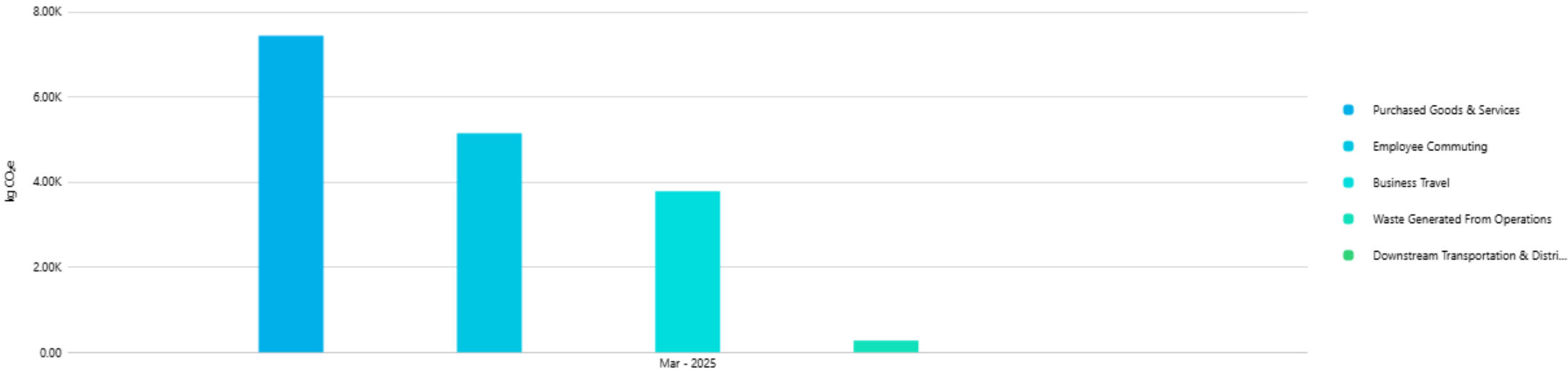
Whilst this means we may not have direct control over the sources and solutions, we are committed to working with our suppliers and people to reduce our emissions and make a positive impact where possible





Scope 3 emissions represent > 100% of recorded emissions. Our ongoing focus will be to develop new internal processes to record more value chain emissions through our Supply Chain Program, launching 2026. Scope 3 Categories recorded during this period are:

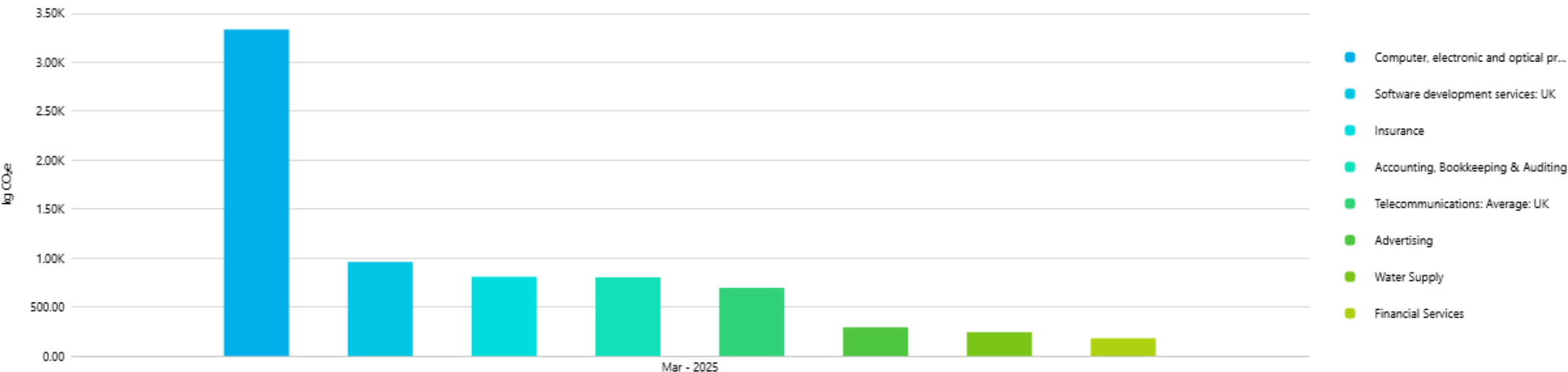
- 1 – Purchased Goods & Services
- 6 – Business Travel
- 7 – Employee Commuting
- 8 – Waste Generated In Operations
- 9 – Downstream transportation and Distribution





Scope 3 Category 1 emissions represent >25% of recorded emissions. Our ongoing focus will be to develop new internal processes to record more value chain emissions through our Supply Chain Program, launching 2026.

Scope 3 emissions represent a continued focus to understand, develop and reduce our carbon emissions, focussing on the following sources and moving from spend based EEIO to supplier and product-based reporting.





Scope	Category		Quality
Scope 2	Electricity Usage		
Scope 3	Purchased Goods and Services	Water	
		Advertising	
		Financial Services	
		Advertising & Marketing	
		IT Hardware	
		Telecommunications	
		Insurance	
		Accounting & Bookkeeping	
		IT Software	
	Waste Generated in Operations	General Waste	
		Mixed Recycling	
		Commercial & Industrial	
	Business Travel	Cars	
		Rail	
		Hotels	
	Transportation & Distribution	Upstream	
		Downstream	
	Employee Commuting	All forms of transport	



Data inputted in optimal format



EEIO _ Spend



Average calculation



Excluded

This report has been created using the Environmental Reporting Guidelines, including Streamline Energy & Carbon Reporting and ISO Net-Zero Guidelines. The report uses the operational control approach to establishing the boundary. The methodology adopted in line with ISO 14064-1. The calculations were completed using the UK Government emissions factors and notch software including extended environmental input output factors.



Step three.

Reduce





The following carbon hotspots have been identified from Rise's carbon footprint.



COMPUTER
HARDWARE



FINANCIAL
SERVICES



WEB HOSTING &
SOFTWARE



EMPLOYEE
COMMUTING



Near Term Actions & Targets:

1. Scope 1 & 2 Emissions

•**Target:** Maintain **0 tCO₂e** emissions in Scope 1 and 2.

•**Actions:**

- Ensure 100% electricity continues to be sourced from verified renewable suppliers.
- Advocate for green leases and tenant agreements in serviced offices.

2. Scope 3 Emissions – Data Expansion & Supplier Engagement

•**Target:** Engage with 100% of key suppliers to collect primary carbon data by 2026.

•**Actions:**

- Operationalize Supply Chain Engagement Program (launch 2026).
- Map top suppliers by emission intensity and value.
- Encourage suppliers to set their own net-zero or SBTi-aligned targets.

3. Scope 3 – Business Travel and Commuting

•**Target:** Reduce commuting emissions by **50% per FTE** and business travel emissions by **30% per FTE** from the current level by 2030.

•**Actions:**

- Supporting the workforce to travel actively (walk, cycle bus as examples) where possible
- Avoiding physically traveling to meetings where there is an equally accessible and viable alternative such as teleconferencing.
- Travelling by train rather than car for any journeys to meetings/conferences/events which are over 100 miles away.
- Continue to provide a flexible working policy, requiring staff to be in the office 1 day per week

4. Data Quality & Methodology

•**Target:** Transition from EEIO to product- and supplier-specific emission factors by 2027.

•**Actions:**

- Continue with staff carbon literacy training
- Offer support to suppliers to provide more supplier and product data
- Collaborate with sustainability consultants to refine reporting systems.



Long Term Actions & Targets:

1. Net-Zero Goal

•**Target:** Achieve Net-Zero emissions across all scopes by 2030

•**Actions:**

- Quantify residual emissions and identify eligible carbon removals (e.g., tree planting, biochar, certified removals).
- Establish partnerships with credible offset providers (ISO 14068-compliant or VCS).

2. Full Scope 3 Integration

•**Target:** Measure and report on 100% of applicable Scope 3 categories by 2028.

•**Actions:**

- Introduce supplier scorecards and carbon performance reporting.

3. Carbon Literacy and Staff Engagement

•**Target:** Maintain 100% staff carbon literacy training and embed sustainability into performance reviews.

•**Actions:**

- Refresh training every 2 years with role-specific modules.
- Recognize and reward carbon reduction innovations from staff.



- To align with ISO Net-Zero Guidelines and 1.5 degrees global warming, Rise needs to reduce its total GHG emissions by 50% for 2025 and set interim and long-term targets
- The target years show Rise GHG emissions targets in the years 2030, split by scope. If Rise hits these targets, the company will be aligned with ISO Net-Zero Guidelines.
- Near term Scope 1&2 targets are to maintain 0 emissions and to use 100% renewable electricity.
- Near term Scope 3 emission targets are to engage with 100% of suppliers and understand their carbon emission by 2026.
- Long term target to be net-zero 2030
- As an SME, it is not compulsory for Rise to set a Scope 3 science-based target. However, Rise is committed to improving our carbon accounting methodologies in line with best practice. We also continue to ensure our carbon emission inventory accurately reflects any structural changes that affect the scope or boundary of our emissions with a particular focus on Scope 3.

Scope	Base Year 2019/20	Current Year 2024/25	Near term target 2025	Net-Zero 2030
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	17151.00	17626.00	12005.70	1715.10
Total	17,151	17,626	12005.70	1715.10

Table 2: Rise's science-based targets and the required % reductions (tCO2e)

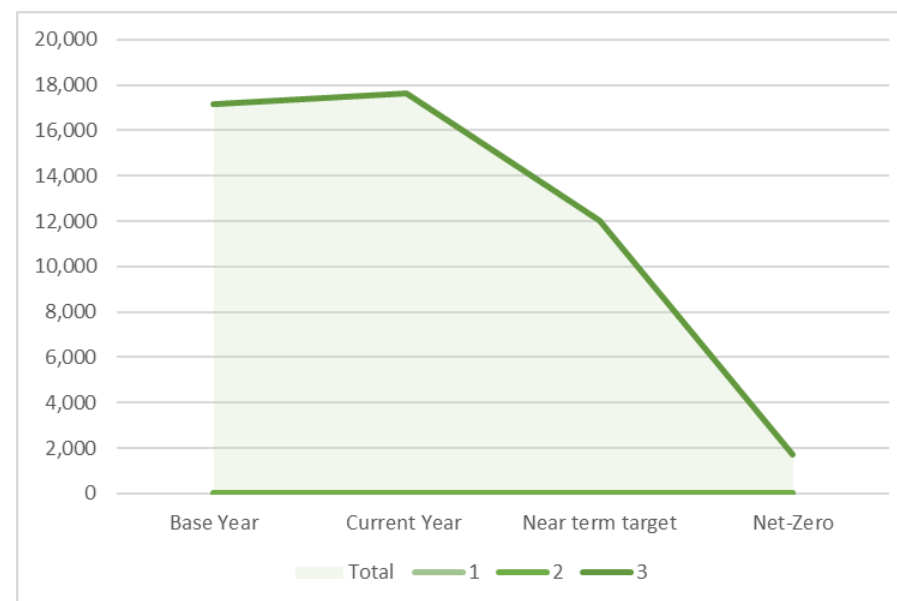


Figure 2: Rise's science-based targets, split by scope.



Step four.

Engage





Stakeholder engagement

We are passionate and committed to understanding more about our impact on the environment and the communities within which we serve.

We commit to actively talking about our journey to our people , supply chain, customers, funders and through social media and marketing to support further the workforce of a net-zero economy

Every employee at Rise has been through carbon literacy training.

Collectively we can make a difference.





Declaration and sign off

This report has been created using the Environmental Reporting Guidelines¹, including Streamline Energy & Carbon Reporting¹ guidance and PPN 06/21². The report uses the operational control approach to establishing the reporting boundary. The methodology adopted is in line with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol³ and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard⁴.

The calculations were completed using the UK Government Greenhouse Gas conversion factors⁵, notch software, and Small World Consulting environmental input output factors⁶. And reviewed and signed off by SBS.

This Carbon Reduction Report & Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors.

Signed on behalf of Rise

Clare Morley, CEO

Date: 17th November 2025

1 - [Environmental reporting guidelines: including Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting requirements - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-reporting-guidelines)

2 - [Procurement Policy Note 06/21: Taking account of Carbon Reduction Plans in the procurement of major government contracts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0621-taking-account-of-carbon-reduction-plans-in-the-procurement-of-major-government-contracts)

3 - [Homepage | GHG Protocol](https://www.ghgprotocol.org/)

4 - [Corporate Value Chain \(Scope 3\) Standard | GHG Protocol](https://www.ghgprotocol.org/)

5 - [Government conversion factors for company reporting of greenhouse gas emissions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting-of-greenhouse-gas-emissions)

6 - [MRIO | Small World Consulting \(sw-consulting.co.uk\)](https://www.sw-consulting.co.uk/)



Glossary



Term	Definition
Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO ₂ e)	Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO ₂ e) is the unit of measurement which allows different greenhouse gases to be compared on a like for like basis relative to one unit of CO ₂ .
Intensity indicator	Intensity indicators compare emissions data with an appropriate business metric or financial indicator, such as staff numbers, to allow comparison over time or with other organisations
Organisational boundaries	In setting organizational boundaries, a company selects an approach for consolidating GHG emissions and then consistently applies the selected approach to define those businesses and operations that constitute the company for the purpose of accounting and reporting GHG emissions.
<u>Greenhouse</u> Gas Protocol	GHG Protocol supplies the world's most widely used greenhouse gas accounting standards
UK Government emissions factors	These emission conversion factors are for use by UK and international organisations to report on and are updated annually, greenhouse gas emissions. From: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Scope 1	Direct emissions that result from activities within your organisation's control. This might include on-site fuel combustion, manufacturing and process emissions, refrigerant losses and company vehicles.
Scope 2	Indirect emissions from any electricity, heat or steam you purchase and use. Although you're not directly in control of the emissions, by using the energy you are indirectly responsible for the release of CO ₂ .
Scope 3	Includes all other indirect emissions that occur in a company value chain, eg purchased goods, travel and waste disposal
Carbon footprint	A carbon footprint is the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions caused directly and indirectly by an individual, organisation, event or product, and is expressed as a carbon dioxide equivalent (CO ₂ e)
Benchmark year	The initial reporting year to be used to set reduction targets against
Operational control	After a company has determined its organizational boundaries in terms of the operations that it owns or controls, it then sets its operational boundaries. This involves identifying emissions associated with its operations



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