



Sustainability Policy 2020

The Festival is striving to further reduce all single use plastic across the sites, so plastic straws, plastic coffee cups, plastic bags and plastic condiments sachets are strictly not permitted.

Polystyrene, single use plastic and other non-recyclables are NOT acceptable.

Please seek alternative packaging if you currently offer any of these items.

We give preference to traders who use organic, seasonal and locally sourced ingredients. We are always looking for new ways to look after the environment, and favour traders who are committed to sustainable practices. If you are going the extra mile with your Sustainability Policy and eco packaging/serveware, then please let us know.

Our sustainability criteria will be used to award this year's 'Best in Show' stall so please help us to help the planet by following as much of our Sustainability Policy as possible.

Leave No Trace

Considering the impact of the Festival on the environment, we have minimum sustainability standards that we ask all traders to comply with:

All serve ware (food containers, plates, stirrers, napkins and cutlery etc..) must be compostable; drinks containers should be recyclable or compostable; recyclable plastic is preferable to biodegradable plastic; if biodegradable drink containers are used, they should be clearly marked as such

Please try and source sustainable packaging, where this is possible. If you use vacuum-packed products where a non-plastic food safe alternative is not yet readily available, please let us know as there are some areas where sustainable options are not readily available/viable and we would like to understand this further from a producer's perspective

Please use paper straws, or better still, no straws

Please only sell cans or glass bottles, or/and encourage consumers to use own or reusable bottles

Plastic bags are strictly not allowed. Please offer paper bags or consider reusable i.e hessian or canvas alternatives that can be purchased from you as a sustainable option

Please only use paper condiment sachets or offer from reusable, refillable containers

If offering eco or alternative packaging, please ensure you clearly communicate to consumers how these should be disposed of correctly for recycling purposes with signage and verbal guidelines. i.e compostable cups should go in the **green top** bin for cups, plates, trays, napkins and food.

Each stall will be provided with all necessary bags and caddies and the recycling team will explain the back of house system. Your waste and recycling will be collected from each stall regularly throughout the event

Minimise food waste on-site by creating a food waste minimisation plan.

Traders found to be using single-use plastic disposables, where a sustainable alternative is available, will be asked to cease trading until they have sourced alternative sustainable disposables. If this is not possible, they will be asked to cease trading completely without remuneration and will not be selected to trade at the festival in the future.

Food Sustainability

- All tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar and bananas used on site must be Fairtrade
- Fruit and veg used should be local, seasonal and organic as much as possible
- All meat and dairy should be a minimum standard of British (locally sourced where possible) and Free range (or RSPCA Freedom Food or certified organic). Pigs and poultry should NOT be GMO fed. Red meat that is British, outdoor-reared, grass-fed and organic is preferred
- We strongly advise the use of sustainable fish: see the Marine Conservation Society's ['Fish to Eat' list](#). Fish used should NOT be on the MCS ['Fish to Avoid' list](#)

Refillable Water Points

There will be free refillable water points available across site and festival stewards and site managers can help you locate the ones nearest to your area. Please encourage consumers to re-use their drinks containers, buy a festival branded bottle from our merchandise points or you are welcome to sell reusable glass/metal/bamboo bottles to encourage further use of these re-fillable water points.