

Royal Mail commits to global science-based standards for emissions reduction targets

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Royal Mail has made a formal commitment to global science-based emissions reduction targets as it builds on its position as the greenest parcel delivery company in the UK*.

As part of its drive to minimise its impact on the environment and cut emissions, Royal Mail has signed up to the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) - the internationally recognised standard in independently assessed corporate emissions reporting.

The SBTi will help Royal Mail set a robust evidence-backed path to achieve its goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, bringing its CO₂ emissions reduction targets in line with the UN Paris Climate Agreement and the need to limit global warming to 1.5 °C. Royal Mail is already the greenest option for delivering parcels, based on competitors' reported emissions*. With its 'feet on the street' network, the business's 90,000 posties walk over a billion steps a day, delivering to 31 million addresses across the country.

Through its ambitious Steps to Zero plan, Royal Mail has pledged to reduce absolute Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2025/26 and Scope 3 emissions by 25% by 2030, from a 2020/1 base year. The business has set a long-term target to reduce

its average emissions per parcel from 205gCO₂e today to 50gCO₂e – about the same as making a cup of tea with milk.

Greg Sage, Deputy Director Corporate Affairs and ESG, Royal Mail, said: “We have a clear plan in place to limit our environmental impact – from electrifying our fleet and upgrading our buildings to increasing our use of rail and reducing reliance on domestic flights - but we want to go further and faster.

“Our commitment to rigorous, globally recognised science-based targets will support us on our journey to become net zero by 2040, as we transform Royal Mail to provide a more sustainable service for the customers and communities we serve.”

Source: [Royal Mail](#)

Royal Mail will work to validate its interim SBTi targets by the end of the year.

*When measured in terms of the CO₂e emissions per parcel reported by the UK parcel delivery companies who currently publicly report these statistics.