

Our environment

Strengthening our commitment to action on climate change.



Through our continued membership of voluntary initiative ClimateWise we are strengthening our commitment to acting on climate change and improving the transparency of our reporting. The ClimateWise report is in line with regulatory requirements and aligned with the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Key highlights of our performance are shown in the graphic opposite:

Methodology

We have reported on all emission sources required under the Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018. Our reporting year runs from January to December 2020.

The emissions reporting boundary is defined as all entities and facilities either owned or under operational control of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, i.e. emissions relating to our Gloucester, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Eastbourne, and Dublin premises, and associated travel by staff based at those premises. It includes data covering around

two thirds of our Group by headcount. We continue to improve the coverage and quality of data which informs our report.

Scope 1 Emissions from fluorinated gas losses and fuel combustion in premises / vehicles, Scope 2 Emissions from electricity and cooling in premises, and Scope 3 Emissions associated with business travel, waste and water use have been calculated using UK Government Greenhouse Gas reporting conversion factors 2020 (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy), and independently verified according to ISO – 14064-3:2019 Specifications with Guidance for the Validation and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Statements.

Commentary

Our 2020 carbon footprint has been significantly influenced by the Covid-19 pandemic. Business travel makes the largest contribution to our footprint and it was greatly reduced due to Government restrictions. We expect business travel to increase in the future, however 2020 also inspired us to adopt new technologies and

In line with the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting requirements the Group's carbon footprint is detailed here including our first report on carbon intensity:

2020 (2019)			
	UK tCO ₂ e	Non-UK tCO ₂ e	Total tCO ₂ e
Scope 1	378 (530)	0 (0)	378 (530)
Scope 2	17 (63)	6 (7)	23 (70)
Scope 3	125 (826)	0 (0)	125 (826)
Total	520 (1,419)	6 (7)	526 (1,426)

Total energy use: 2,682,606 kWh, of which 2,655,294 is UK and 27,312 non-UK. Of the 526 tCO₂e, 520 relate to UK and 6 to non-UK. Carbon intensity: 0.54 tonnes/employee (2019: 1.45).