

UK Carbon Offset Programmes

A. UK-Based Offset Providers

B. These are the most practical for churches and individuals.

1. Ecologi

- UK's most widely used platform
- Funds **tree planting + verified global offset projects**
- Uses standards like Gold Standard & Verra
- Strong transparency (public impact ledger)

👉 Good for: simple monthly church offsetting

<https://ecologi.com/>

2. Carbon Neutral Britain

- Subscription-style offsetting for individuals & organisations
- Includes tree planting + international projects
- Positions itself as a national initiative

👉 Good for: straightforward "carbon neutral" certification

<https://carbonneutralbritain.org>

3. Forest Carbon

- UK-based **tree planting & peatland restoration**
- Certified under Woodland Carbon Code & Peatland Code
- Large-scale UK nature-based carbon capture

👉 Good for: UK-only, high-integrity offsets

<https://www.forestcarbon.co.uk/>

4. My Carbon Plan

- Non-profit supporting UK sequestration projects

- Works with communities and landowners
- Focus on measurable UK carbon capture

👉 Good for: mission-aligned, smaller-scale projects

<https://www.mycarbonplan.org/>

5. Carbon Footprint Ltd

- Offers tree planting, solar, and conservation projects
- Mix of UK and international offsets

👉 Good for: broader project mix

<https://www.carbonfootprint.com/>

6. Make it Wild

- UK rewilding and tree planting schemes
- Subscription-based offsetting options

👉 Good for: visible UK nature restoration

<https://www.makeitwild.co.uk/>

B. UK Carbon Offset Frameworks & Standards

These aren't "buy-from" providers directly, but they underpin credible schemes:

7. Woodland Carbon Code

- Government-backed standard for UK tree planting
- Ensures carbon claims are verified

<https://www.woodlandcarboncode.org.uk/>

8. Peatland Code

- Certification for peatland carbon projects
- Important for long-term carbon storage

<https://www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/peatland-code>

9. UK Emissions Trading Scheme

- National **cap-and-trade system** for major emitters
- Not directly usable by churches, but sets the framework

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-emissions-trading-scheme-uk-ets-policy-overview/uk-emissions-trading-scheme-uk-ets-a-policy-overview>

10. Energy Company Obligation

- Funds energy efficiency improvements in homes
- Reduces emissions indirectly rather than offsetting

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/energy-company-obligation-eco>

C. UK-Accessible (but International) Offset Platforms

These are commonly used in the UK:

- Gold Standard <https://www.goldstandard.org/>
- Verra Verified Carbon Standard <https://verra.org/programs/verified-carbon-standard/>
- Plan Vivo. <https://www.planvivo.org/>

👉 These certify projects globally; most UK providers use them

Jersey-Based (or Local) Options

👉 **There are very few formal “carbon offset programmes” based in Jersey itself.**

Instead, you have **local environmental projects that act like offsets in practice**, even if they're not certified carbon credits.

1. Jersey-Focused Environmental Projects (Offset-Like Impact)

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

- Habitat restoration, biodiversity protection
- Carbon benefits through ecosystem recovery

👉 Not a formal offset scheme—but high ecological impact locally

<https://www.durrell.org/get-involved/rewild-carbon/>

National Trust for Jersey

- Land conservation, coastal and habitat management
- Potential indirect carbon sequestration

👉 Strong local, visible impact

<https://www.nationaltrust.je/our-work/conservation-projects/hedge-fund-campaign/>

Jersey Trees for Life

- Tree planting and landscape restoration
- Closest thing to a **local nature-based offset approach**

<https://jerseytreesforlife.org/>

2. Practical Reality in Jersey

- No widely recognised **certified carbon credit schemes based solely in Jersey**
- Most organisations:
 - **reduce locally**
 - **offset via UK or global schemes**



A Quick Reality Check (Important)

Not all offsetting is equal:

- UK-based nature projects = **more tangible but slower carbon capture**
- Global projects = **often cheaper, faster carbon impact**
- Certification matters (Gold Standard, Verra, UK codes)

Also:

Offset should **complement reduction, not replace it**