

Rail Ale's Sustainability Policy

We are focused on minimizing the Festival's environmental impact through various measures, such as reducing waste, promoting reusable items and encouraging sustainable transportation. In order to do this we are:

- **Reducing the amount of glass we buy**
Upon entry to the Festival you will be issued with a reusable polycarbonate cup. This is completely recyclable (unlike plastic glasses). Please take it home and continue to use it – it is dishwasher-safe. If you don't want to keep it, please leave it on the table near the exit on your way out. Then we'll wash it and reuse it at future events, which will help to lower our carbon footprint.
- **Reducing the amount of paper and printed materials**
Our full festival programme and beer list is available to download in a printable, digital format on the Rail Ale website, cutting both waste and our carbon footprint.
- **Reducing our carbon footprint**
We're working closely with our suppliers to consolidate deliveries using wholesalers and partner brewers to reduce the number of trucks and vans bringing beer, cider and other drinks to us.
- **Eliminating single-use plastics**
We encourage our food vendors to use only recyclable alternatives. The Roundhouse Café serves food and drinks in recyclable containers or uses plates, glasses and cups. We're also working with our suppliers and vendors to reduce other packaging waste and plastics.
- **Reducing waste to landfill**
Working with our waste management contractor, we're trying to avoid sending waste to landfill and incineration. The Festival waste will be sorted at our in-house recycling facility.
- **Encouraging public transport**
For Festival visitors, we have a FREE shuttle bus running between Chesterfield railway station and the Festival. We also encourage our Festival volunteers to car share or use the staff mini-buses to get to and from the Festival.
- **Conserving water**
The water for the toilets comes from the Roundhouse's rainwater harvesting facility.