

Paisley Book Festival Green Rider

At **Paisley Book Festival**, we are committed to reducing our environmental impact and fostering sustainable practices in all aspects of our work. As an author, artist, or participant in the festival, your support in these efforts helps us create a greener, more responsible cultural event.

We are also part of the [Green Arts Initiative](#), the interactive community of over 200 Scottish arts and cultural organisations working to improve their environmental performance, run by Creative Carbon Scotland and Festivals Edinburgh.

Our Commitments

To minimise the festival's environmental footprint, we pledge to:

- Use **local and ethical suppliers** wherever possible for catering, printing, and production needs.
- Minimise single-use plastics and ensure **recycling facilities** are readily available at venues.
- Offer **digital event programmes** and marketing materials as the default, with limited printed copies made from **recycled or FSC-certified paper**.
- Prioritise **sustainable transport options** for festival staff, guests, and audiences, including public transport, cycling, and carpooling.
- Ensure that our venues are operated with **energy efficiency** and reduce unnecessary waste.

How You Can Support

As a valued festival participant, we invite you to contribute to our sustainability goals in the following ways:

1. Travel & Transport

- If traveling from within Scotland or the UK, we encourage using **train, bus, or car-sharing** where possible.
- For international travel, we ask guests to consider **carbon offsetting options** for flights.
- The Paisley Town Hall and Paisley Central Library has a premier location right in the heart of Paisley town, with various local amenities on our doorstep. It is served by the M8 motorway, just a 20-minute drive from Glasgow City Centre and 8 minutes from Glasgow Airport. Train and bus links are excellent, with Paisley Gilmour Street station just a 5-minute walk away.
- Find out more about getting to Paisley and detailed transport links [here](#).
- You can find out more about parking options in Paisley [here](#).

- There is a Chargeplace Scotland Charging Station a short walk from Paisley Town Hall, on [575 Cotton St, Paisley PA1 1AL](#). You can find out more about Chargeplace Scotland [here](#).

3. Hospitality & Accommodation

- We partner with venues and accommodations that have **strong sustainability policies**.
- Our accommodation partner, [Ashtree House Hotel](#), is committed to the following sustainability practises:
 - *Sustainability*
 - *No single-use toiletries*
 - *No plastic cutlery or tableware*
 - *Energy-efficient bulbs*
 - *Water-efficient toilet*
 - *Water-efficient shower*
 - *Food waste minimised*
 - *No plastic cups, straws or stirrers*
 - *No plastic bottles*
 - *Eco-friendly cleaning products*
- Where refreshments are provided, we prioritise catering suppliers that endeavour to use **seasonal, locally sourced, and vegetarian/vegan options**.
- Biodegradable food and drinks containers are in use across the venue with external suppliers and promoters selected based on their commitment to sustainable practices within their operations.
- We ask participants to **bring reusable water bottles and coffee cups** to reduce waste.
- There is a Scottish Water Top Up Tap right outside the Paisley Town Hall, [here](#). You can find out more about the Scottish Water Top Up Tap initiative and the locations around the country by visiting their website [here](#).
- We will use glass jugs and glasses for drinks in the artist dressing rooms.

4. Printed Materials & Stationery

- We aim to minimise printed materials and use digital alternatives where possible.
- If you require printed materials for your event, we encourage **recycled paper and eco-friendly ink** options.
- Festival-provided name badges and passes will be reusable and collected at the end of the event.

5. Energy & Waste

- We ask all festival participants to be mindful of **energy use** (e.g., turning off unnecessary lights or equipment).
- Recycling stations will be available at venues—please use them to dispose of waste responsibly.

A Shared Commitment

We understand that sustainability is an ongoing journey, and we welcome any additional suggestions you may have to help us make **Paisley Book Festival 2025** as environmentally responsible as possible.

If you have any **specific needs or concerns** regarding sustainability, travel, or accessibility, please let us know in advance so we can work together to find solutions.

Thank you for supporting our commitment to a greener festival!