



# Oxford Green Ball Directory!

Welcome to the OUSU Environment and Ethics Sustainable Events Directory. Here you can find helpful resources for planning a college ball and other events. Please check out our website for updated versions and counterpart Food and Drink Directory.

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## ALL ROUND SUPPLIERS

### **Eco-Event**

Environmentally friendly event management. Range of tents, marquees equipped with bars, stages, lighting, audio/visual set up plus loads more as required.

<http://eco-event.co.uk/> Contact form online.

### **Oxford Marquees**

Local supplier for marquees, staging, lighting, portaloos etc.

<http://www.oxfordmarquees.co.uk/>  
01865 373173 [mail@oxfordmarquees.co.uk](mailto:mail@oxfordmarquees.co.uk)

### **Oxford Event Hire**

Local business hiring catering equipment, tables, chairs and even popcorn and candyfloss machines.

### **Sustainable Dance Club**

Some amazing eco clubbing innovations.

<http://www.sustainabledanceclub.com/products>

Bar Hire

See the Food Directory for a full list of local and British drinks.

### **Event Mobile Bar Hire**

Customisable service, drinks and design options. Excellent environmental policy:

<http://www.eventmobilebarhire.co.uk/mobilebareenvironmentalpolicy.html>

0845 241 7031 [info@eventmobilebarhire.co.uk](mailto:info@eventmobilebarhire.co.uk)

## ***Clothing***

Encourage your attendees to hire clothing rather than buying something new.

### **Moss Bros**

Suit Hire

61 Cornmarket St, Oxford, OX1 3HB, 0844 847 9266

**Shepherd and Woodward** and **Walters of Oxford** also do suit hire.

### **The Ballroom**

Ball, costume and vintage hire for men and women.

5-6 The Plain, Oxford, OX4 1AS, 01865 202303

<http://www.theballroomoxford.co.uk/>

## ***ENTERTAINMENT***

### ***Funfairs***

#### **Jarm Amusements**

Company committed to becoming most eco friendly funfair operator in UK. Wide range of rides including ferris wheels. Ride come with £10 million public liability insurance. Quotes on request.

<http://www.funfairgames.net/>

07973429663 [jm@tempus-fugit-bars.co.uk](mailto:jm@tempus-fugit-bars.co.uk) or find the online form on the website.

### ***music***

#### **Silent Disco**

Products sourced from 80% recycled materials. Strict recycling policy, including batteries.

<http://www.hedfoneparty.com/>

118 977 4358 / 07922 280 859

## ***LEAFING***

Ask for LED lights when hiring if possible as these require much less energy with sacrificing brightness. Also ask around local businesses to see if they have unwanted seasonal decorations, such as Christmas lights, you can reuse.

### **SXS Events**

Light hire company with excellent environmental policy.  
Tel: 0870 080 2342, [web@sxsevents.co.uk](mailto:web@sxsevents.co.uk)

## *LOCAL BUSINESSES*

### *food*

#### **Turl Street Kitchen**

Locally sourced food and drink. Profits go into the third sector work of the Oxford Hub.

## *TOILETS*

#### **Griffen Toilets**

Luxury toilets with recycled paper products and eco-friendly soap.  
<http://www.griffintoilethire.co.uk/>

## *Printing*

#### **Oxford Green Print**

Eco friendly printing service, using recycled paper and natural inks.  
<http://www.oxfordgreenprint.com/>  
54a Rectory Road, OXFORD OX4 1BW  
01865 724276 or 0845 345 1398  
mail@oxfordgreenprint.com

#### **Seacourt Printing**

One of the top 3 environmental printers worldwide and right here in Oxford! Carbon neutral, 0% waste, waterless...  
Seacourt Limited, Pony Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2SE,  
01865 770140

## *Staging/marquees*

#### **Steeldeck**

Stage hire company using renewable/recycled sources, local manufacturing and suppliers. Enquire for quotes online.  
<http://www.steeldeck.co.uk/> +44 (0) 20 7833 2031  
rentals@steeldeck.co.uk

**Avdept**

Light weight, collapsible staging, more eco-friendly to transport.  
<http://www.avdept.co.uk/> 01383 825709

**Earthdreams Inflatable Dome Hire**

Huge inflatable dome hire. Sound and temperature insulated.  
<http://www.classicmarqueesltd.co.uk/wedding/earthdreams-tent-hire>

**TRAVEL***Horse drawn carriages***Amelia's Horse Drawn Carriages**

Stonehill Farm, Stonehill, Abingdon, OX14 4AA  
 01235 529915

**Kevin Merry**

Moors Edge, Kidlington ,Oxfordshire,OX5 2RD  
 07976 219830

**Sydney's Exploditions**

Little High Meadow, Banbury,Oxfordshire, OX15 5TA  
 01295 780700  
<http://www.sydsplods.co.uk/>

*eco coach hire***Coach Direct**

<http://www.coachdirect.co.uk/eco-coach-hire.php>

*Rickshaws***Oxon Carts**

£25/hour standard charge. Rickshaws can hold up to ten people.  
 Have worked for balls previously.  
<http://www.oxoncarts.com/events.html>

**WASTE**

Having a large number of clearly labelled waste and recycling bins will save you a lot of clearing up/waste sorting at the end! Make sure you talk to bar staff etc. and encourage them to recycle everything they can.

*glass, plastic and paper*

### **Oxford City Council**

Offer comprehensive recycling services, which are cheaper than landfill disposal. Prices are VAT free. Student liaison officer is mwarner@oxford.gov.uk. Get in touch for advice and quotes.  
[http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decER/Trade\\_Waste\\_and\\_Recycling\\_occw.htm](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decER/Trade_Waste_and_Recycling_occw.htm)

### *Food recycling*

#### **Oxford City Council**

<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decER/Foodwasterecycling.htm>

### *Abnormal Waste*

#### **Oxford City Council**

Large items, electrical items etc can be recycled/reused in a number of ways.

[http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decER/Bulky\\_Waste\\_Collections\\_occw.htm](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decER/Bulky_Waste_Collections_occw.htm)

### **Retrader**

'Oxfordshire materials exchange' handling large, bulky, or particularly business-specific items.

[www.retrader.org.uk](http://www.retrader.org.uk)

## *OTHER RESOURCES & VEPRATION*

[http://www.eco-friendlyweddings.co.uk/wedding\\_suppliers.htm](http://www.eco-friendlyweddings.co.uk/wedding_suppliers.htm)  
<http://www.emagazine.com/archive/4414>

## *CARBON OFFSETTING*

So, you've done a lot to cut carbon emissions for the ball, and you want to know if carbon offsetting can play a part... It's a controversial area, but, done correctly, can be a valuable part of the solution.

The joint-statement on carbon offsetting from WWF, Greenpeace, and Friends of the Earth is supportive but cautious. Basically, you should only use so-called "Gold Standard" certified projects, and definitely don't think that offsetting absolves you of the carbon emissions! Offsetting programmes under the "Gold Standard" scheme do not involve tree-planting, which is generally pretty useless when it comes to going carbon-neutral; rather, they are all about investing in renewable energy projects around the world. The

three organisations emphasise that you should strive to cut down emissions as far as possible first, and then use carbon offsetting only as a final step. Offsetting is not the solution, but it can be part of making your ball a little greener - if done properly...

See <http://www.wwf.org.uk/filelibrary/pdf/august06.pdf> for the WWF-Greenpeace-FoE statement.