**INTRO**

How amazing is it to be camping in the beautiful Bramham Park with your mates while listening to your favourite bands? Let's all work together to keep it that way. Since 2007 we have been putting in place a number of initiatives so you can help us by doing your part, while still having an awesome festival.

We work very closely with [Julie’s Bicycle](http://juliesbicycle.com/), a not-for-profit organisation working on sustainability within the creative industries, as part of their Industry Green certification. In 2017 we achieved a fantastic 4 / 5 stars, thank you to everyone for participating!  Here are some of our achievements and you can read the full report [here](http://www.readingfestival.com/sites/live.inviqa.readingfestival.com/files/documents/reading_cg_report_2015.pdf).

We are also proud to be one of the 70 Vision Festival’s committed to reducing our carbon emissions, [read more here](http://www.powerful-thinking.org.uk/vision2025/) about the Vision Festival : 2025 pledge.

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Link: link to report

**ENERGY**

Energy generation is one of the biggest sources of carbon dioxide emissions globally and in the UK.

All of our tower and festoon lights is 100% LED. LED lights are 95% more environmental friendly than fluorescent and incandescent lights. 95% of the energy in LEDs is converted into light and only 5% is wasted as heat, however fluorescent lights convert 95% of energy to heat and only 5% into light.

**TRAVEL**

Travelling to the festival makes up 80% of the total carbon emissions generated (source: The Show Must Go On Report, 2015). You could travel by public transport or carshare to help reduce this.

**BIG GREEN COACH**

We have partnered with [Big Green Coach](http://www.biggreencoach.co.uk/events/download-festival-tickets-coach-travel) to provide coach travel to the festival and have some exciting incentives for coach travellers.

For every customer who books travel with Big Green Coach, they sponsor and protect 5 square foot of Amazonian Rainforest for 10 years. 1 million square foot has been saved already. Check out their website for more info – [Big Green Coach](http://www.biggreencoach.co.uk/why-are-we-green)..

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**CAR SHARE**

If you have a spare seat in your car or need a lift home why not car share? Car sharing will not only help you save money by sharing the costs but it will also reduce the amount of traffic on the roads, helping the environment. Last year the number of passengers who used our car sharing service tripled, so keep it up.

Our car sharing partner is Liftshare – visit [LEEDS LIFTSHARE](https://liftshare.com/uk/community/reading) to find drivers offering spaces in their car or festival goers who need a lift.

We have exciting news – the first 100 people that sign up to Liftshare can upgrade their Car Park Pass to a Priority Car Park Pass. This means that not only will you have priority parking but you can cruise up close to the main entrance for speedy access. visit [LEEDS LIFTSHARE](https://liftshare.com/uk/community/reading) to sign up!

Liftshare have been awarded the TrustSeal, which confirms they run on good practice principles with clear safety guidelines and take appropriate steps to verify the identity of their users. For more info on safety [click here](https://liftshare.com/uk/other/trust-safety#Smart).

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**WASTE STRATEGY**

This year we’re aiming for 30% of total waste to be sent to recycling and your role is key to help us achieve this by checking which bin to put your waste in and using the NiftyBin recycling points in the campsites.

**ZERO WASTE CAMPSITES**

You can be a recycling champion in your camp! When you get to the festival you will be given a free recycling bag, in this bag please put;

Paper, card, cans, food tins, tetra packs, cartons, plastic bottles, general plastic containers, newspapers, cardboard, beer cases

For general rubbish use your shopping bags, crisp packets plastic bags, straws, wet wipes, scrappy bits of plastic and all other rubbish. Try and minimise this as it goes to landfill or energy from waste.

When your bags are full bring them to the NiftyBin Recycling Points for your chance to win some groovy green prizes! A member of the F.B.I (Festival Bin Inspectors) can help you separate them out into all the different materials to learn about Zero Waste philosophy.

**Gold– chance to win 2 x festival tickets next year – For all the recycling champions out there! Bring back your clear bag of recyclables and a bag of non-recyclables to sort into the different NiftyBins.**

**Silver– Reading merch bundle – bring back a bag of mixed recyclables and sort at the NiftyBins and a bag of non-recyclables**

**Bronze – Co op tokens to use off site– bring back any bag or any unwanted camping equipment / food to the recycling points**

Our dedicated FBI agents (festival bin inspectors) will be engaging with everyone in the campsites about our recycling initiatives so look out for them and say hey.

**THREE BIN SYSTEM**

We run a three-bin system at the festival, which means every bin station in the campsite and main arena will be formed by 3 bins:

**COMPOST** – When you buy food from the traders, everything your food comes in is compostable so plates, cutlery and napkins can be placed in the compost bins along with the food scraps.  Please make sure NO PLASTIC goes into the compost.

**RECYCLE** – Plastic bottles, aluminium cans, newspapers, magazines and clean and dry cardboard (no used greasy pizza boxes as these do not recycle).

**GENERAL WASTE –**There should be minimal left over that goes into General Waste.

**BIN YOUR BUTTS**

Every butt has to be picked up by hand, so it would be awesome if you did not flick your cigarette and put it out before you bin it.

**WATER REFILLS**

Tap water is free. Please feel free to refill your bottles at the taps provided.

**CUP & BOTTLE DEPOSIT RETURN POINTS – GREENPEACE**

We have joined forces with the Greenpeace events team again this summer to help festival-goers stem the tide of plastic pollution which is one of the greatest threats to our oceans. All plastic bottles and cups bought at Leeds will have a 10p refundable deposit.

**10 x cups and bottles = £1**

**1 x full recycling bag of bottles = £5.**

Up to 12.7 million tonnes of plastic enters the oceans every year. That’s a truck load of rubbish every minute, which will take centuries to degrade and be impossible to fully clean up. To reduce plastic pollution, Greenpeace is working towards the elimination of single-use plastic packaging in the UK, and has been campaigning for the government to introduce a UK-wide deposit return scheme for all drinks containers.

Last year you returned an awesome 225,000 plastic bottles and cups at Leeds and hundreds of you signed signed the Greenpeace petition, now signed by around 337,000 members of the public who back a deposit return scheme. The petition was handed as a 'message in a bottle' to environment secretary Michael Gove in advance of his announcement that the government will roll out a deposit return scheme after a consultation – Result!

**VOLUNTEER WITH GREENPEACE**

If you want to be part of the DRS Crew you can apply here – https://greenwire.greenpeace.org/uk/en-gb/events/drs-leeds-2018

**AFFORDABLE TENT HIRE**

If you want to hire a tent rather than bring your own, Kip and Go offer affordable pre pitched tents.

 https://www.kipngo.com/

**TENTS AND CAMPING EQUIPMENT**

When packing ready for the festival weekend, remember to pack wisely and only bring essential items, please do not bring any single use plastic (plastic bottles are allowed).

If you do bring your own tent we ask you to please take your it along with any other camping equipment home with you.  If you leave it in the field it will most likely end up in landfill or incineration.

If you have any broken or unwanted tents chairs, gazebos, empty batteries, unopened tins of food after the festival, please take them to the Nifty Recycling Points.

If you want to donate your tent to charity, take it to your local charity shop. Please don’t leave it in the field.

**SALVAGE**

We put together a salvage operation after the festival for organisations to collect some of the perfectly reusable camping equipment that is left behind therefore reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill or incineration.

This is an opportunity for charities and community groups to come to the festival site on the Monday and Tuesday after the show and help save what they can.  Email salvagers@festivalrepublic for more information, quoting Download Salvage in the subject line.

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