

# GOING GREEN...



**Love Soul Choir**

**COMMITTED TO HELP IMPROVE THE WORLD**

# WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

**W**hen looking at ways that Love Soul Choir could help make a positive impact on the planet, our leader, Dan, came across the 'Trillion Trees' initiative. This is an initiative set up by WWF, Birdlife and WCS. With their combined experience, networks and resources, leveraged by a dedicated, agile team they can inspire the world to protect and restore a trillion trees by 2050.

From 2021, we have decided that for every Love Soul Choir membership, we will donate £2, each month. This monthly donation will help towards restoring degraded land in the Amazon. Trillion Trees is currently helping to support and protect 56 million hectares of critical habitat for people and wildlife. [Click here](#) to see more.



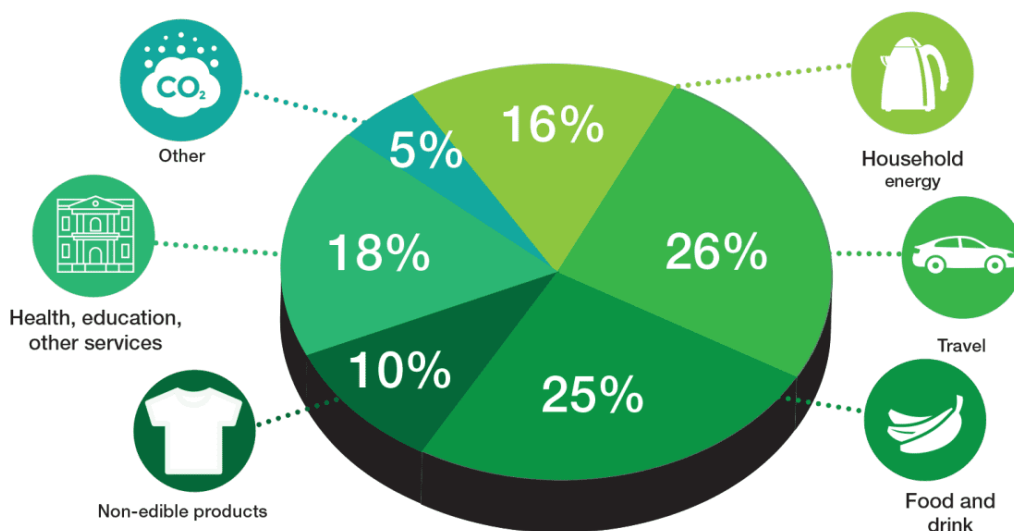
**TRILLION TREES**





## EXPLORING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT AND ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME...

We know that carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the primary greenhouse gas emitted through human activities. A carbon footprint is a measure of the impact your activities have on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> produced through the burning of fossil fuels and is expressed as a weight of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced in tonnes. Your carbon footprint is broken down into the following categories:



At Love Soul Choir, we have been looking at our carbon footprint (as a business) and have been actively trying to reduce this.

Love Soul Choir (and its associated activities) doesn't actually have a massive carbon footprint. The majority of Love Soul Choir work is done from Dan's house where his electricity and gas is provided by Bulb. Bulb provides 100% renewable electricity from solar, wind and hydro. Their gas is 100% carbon neutral too. They offset the emissions from the gas they supply by supporting carbon reduction projects around the world. Dan also personally offsets his own carbon footprint each and every month.

We want to encourage and support Love Soul Choir members in their journey to reducing their carbon footprint which in turn, leads to Love Soul Choir and its wider community becoming greener and greener. Fighting climate change is a collaborative effort and we wanted to outline some ways that Love Soul Choir members could look to become more green.

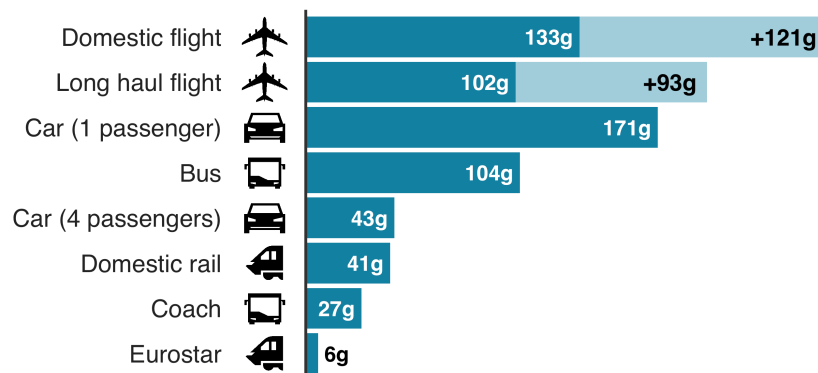
### TRAVEL

The biggest carbon emitter for Love Soul Choir is the way members travel to and from sessions & performances.

#### Emissions from different modes of transport

Emissions per passenger per km travelled

■ CO2 emissions ■ Secondary effects from high altitude, non-CO2 emissions



Note: Car refers to average diesel car

Source: BEIS/Defra Greenhouse Gas Conversion Factors 2019

BBC



As you can see from the data above, a car with one passenger emits 128g more CO<sub>2</sub> than a car with 4 passengers. We think car sharing or exploring other ways to travel to and from our sessions/performances would make a big difference to our collective footprint.



Signing up to Shell Go+ means that you can start to become aware of your carbon footprint in relation to the amount of fuel that you use. You could choose to walk, or drive a lower emission vehicle such as a hydrogen or electric vehicle but most drivers cannot just switch to electric vehicles overnight. So, in the meantime, Shell is offering drivers the opportunity to lower their carbon footprint and drive carbon neutral. You'll receive a monthly statement and every time you fill up your car, you'll be able to feel a little bit better about your impact on the environment. It's a small change but a step in the right direction. You can see more by [clicking here](#).

## IN SESSION DEVICES

As an organisation, we're paper free and we also like to encourage members to use personal devices at sessions instead of creating folders of printed lyric sheets.

Love Soul Choir runs solely off of Apple devices. Not only do Apple products work more effectively for creative businesses but Apple as a company is already carbon neutral and by 2030 have committed to all of their products being carbon neutral too.



This will mean that all materials (across their whole product range) will be 100% recyclable and renewable and all manufacturing suppliers will be using 100% renewable energy too. You can find out more by [clicking here](#).

## **WATER BOTTLES**

We want to encourage all members to bring reusable water bottles to sessions from now on. We don't see the need for single use plastic bottles.





## A MESSAGE FROM DAN

Love Soul Choir is a choir. A family. A team. A group of people with a common goal. We come together to enrich lives, put on top quality performances and form solid friendships, for life.

Love Soul Choir is the perfect place to collectively improve the planet that we live on. I'm not here to preach or tell others how to live their lives but I just wanted to share my thoughts and ideas on small ways we can all look to work together to improve this one planet that we live on. For further tips on things you could do individually, [click here](#) to see more from WWF.

I hope you'll join me on this journey to live sustainably with our planet.

A handwritten signature in a cursive script that reads "Dan".

**Dan Cooper** | Choir Leader