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# Update on TBA Environmental Sustainability Activities

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# Since the last update at the BHC meeting in June...

- Received funding from the Racing Foundation to complete case study Environmental Impact Assessments and carbon calculations on two stud farms.
- Video presentation of headline findings given at TBA AGM and now available on our e-learning platform, TB-Ed (<u>www.tbed.co.uk</u>)
- WON the British Association for Sustainable Sport (BASIS) Initiative Award – the first time the horse racing industry has received an award for environmental sustainability!





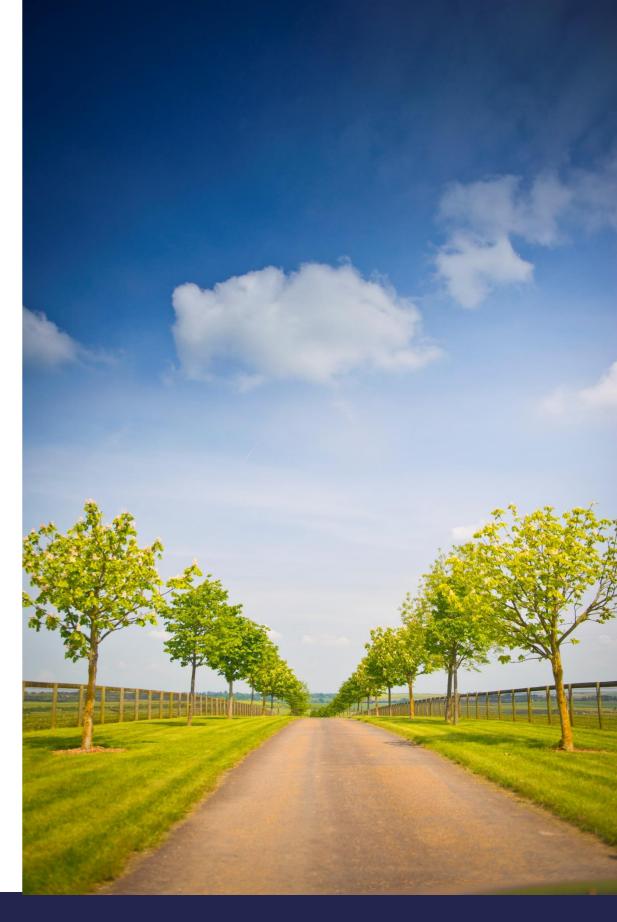
#### Next steps

<u>Over the next month</u> – launch of digital sustainability guidance booklet, highlighting best practice.

<u>Next summer</u> – on-location sustainability video series of educational discussions, each picking out and developing the themes contained in the guidance booklet (carbon, biodiversity, soils and water etc).

End of next year – sustainability self-assessment tools, e.g. carbon calculator.

<u>When subsidy framework confirmed</u> – digital guidance booklet specific to Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS).







## The bigger issues

- Horse Transportation
- Soya in hard feed
- Bedding straw or shavings?



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## **Collaboration opportunities**

- Support thoroughbred industry environmental sustainability audit being coordinated by the BHA
- Research the potential merits of an accreditation scheme (environmental sustainability and equine welfare markers?)
- Joined-up approach to liaising with horsebox manufacturers, feed merchants etc to understand obstacles and drive positive change
- Education and communications strategy





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