

Website Impact

A Greener Digital Footprint

Did you know the first ever web page was 4 KB in size.

As of October 2024, the average web page was 2,652 KB. That translates to around 0.37g of CO₂ every time someone loads a page.

(Source: almanac.httparchive.org)



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The NHS Retirement Fellowship website has had a refresh – and not just in how it looks. Behind the scenes it is now cleaner, faster, and more energy efficient. Every visit uses less power and produces less carbon. These small changes, multiplied across hundreds or thousands of visitors, add up to meaningful change.

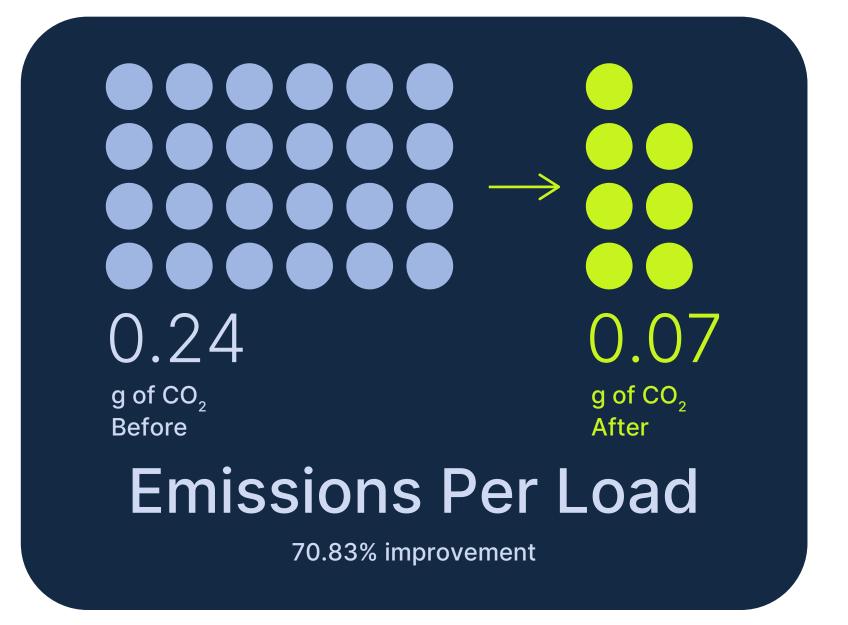
We started the redesign by measuring the carbon output, page weight and overall sustainability score of your original site. Then with purpose-led design decisions, and a focus on low-impact build choices, we have worked to improve those numbers. Here's a quick look at the difference this has made – a new website that leaves a smaller footprint with every visit.

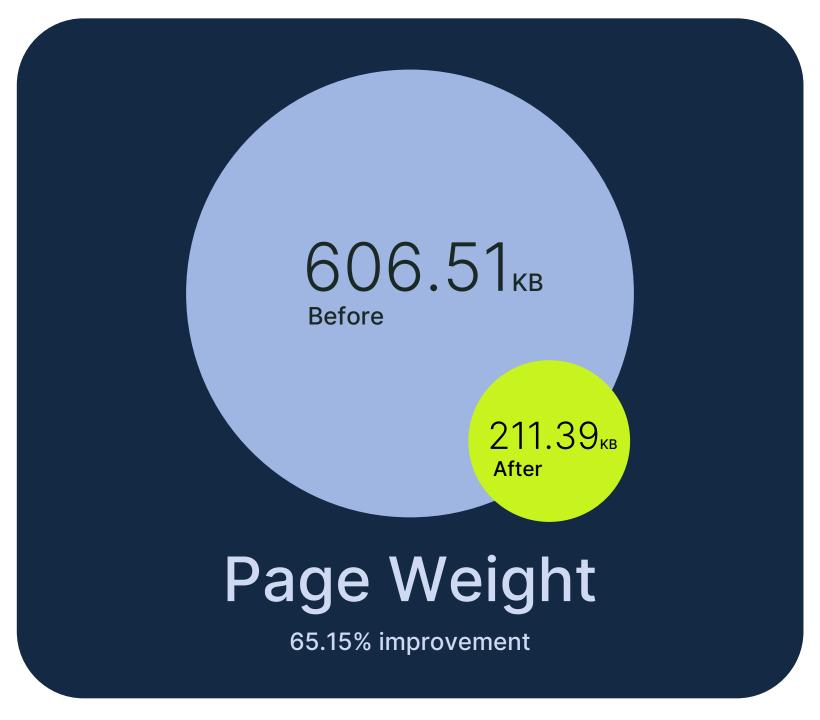
96.47
After

85.08
Before

Ecograder Score

13.39% improvement

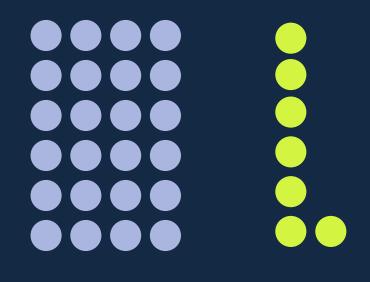




g of CO₂ emissions for each page

Carbon Consumption Improvement

Lower Carbon, Bigger Impact



Before → After

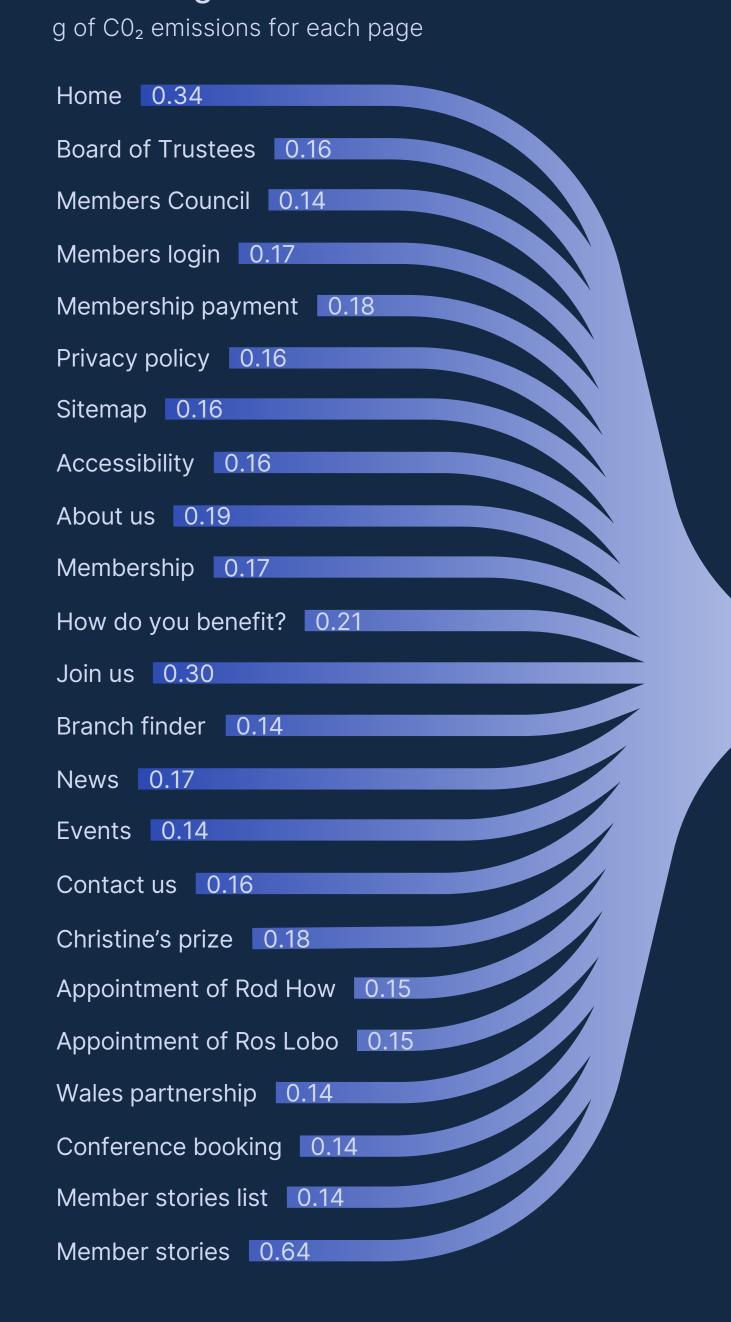
0.24 g of CO₂

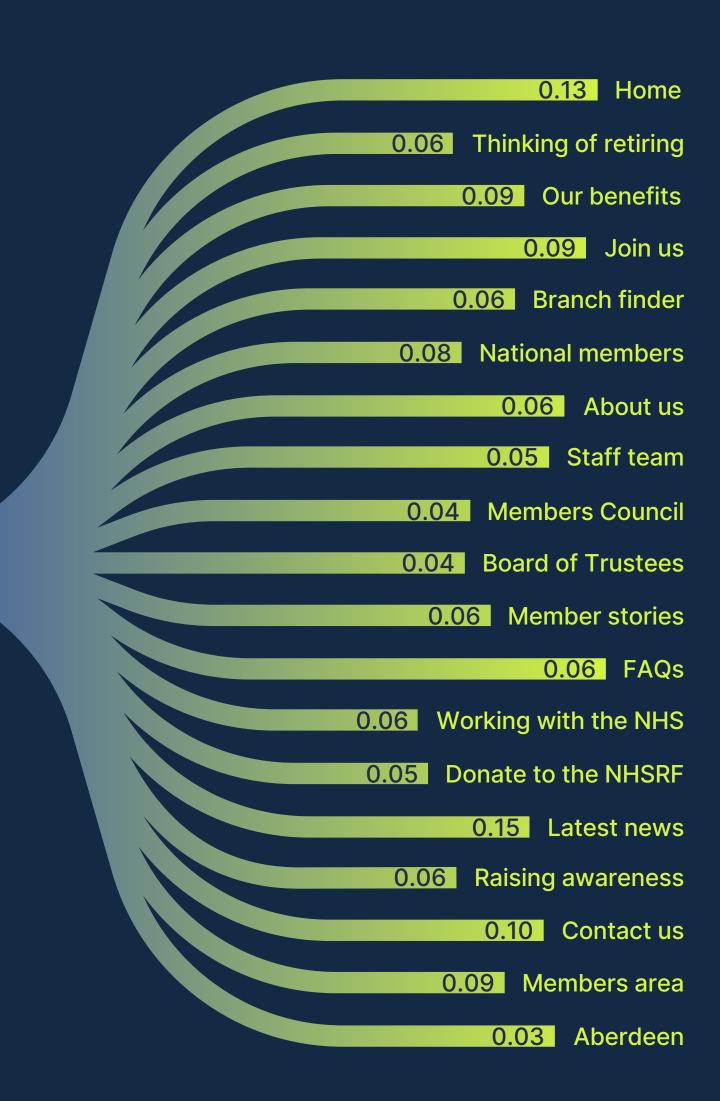
U.U/ g of CO₂

70.83% improvement

We looked at every key page and measured how much CO₂ was produced per visit. We then rethought what was needed – reducing the load, simplifying user journeys, and keeping pages light and clean. What you see here is the carbon footprint per page, before and after. Showing a shift towards a lower-impact internet and a more sustainable digital experience.







Public Pages Before: 23

Page weight for each page in kilobytes

Home 868.32

Board of Trustees 412.65

Members Council 363.17

Members login 431.97

Membership payment 453.69

Privacy policy 416.86

Sitemap **415.78**

Accessibility 411.77

About us 481.83

Membership 423.16

How do you benefit? 525.75

Join us 770.82

Branch finder 364.75

News 436.24

Events 364.46

Contact us **414.32**

Christine's prize 456.32

Appointment of Rod How 393.46

Appointment of Ros Lobo 391.39

Wales partnership 364.76

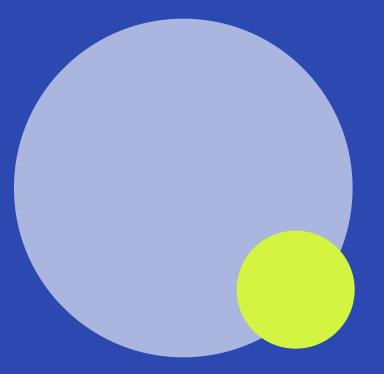
Conference booking 363.54

Member stories list 385.23

Member stories 1640.00

Page Weight Improvement

Less Digital Waste, More Meaningful Impact



Before → After

606.51 211.39

KB KB

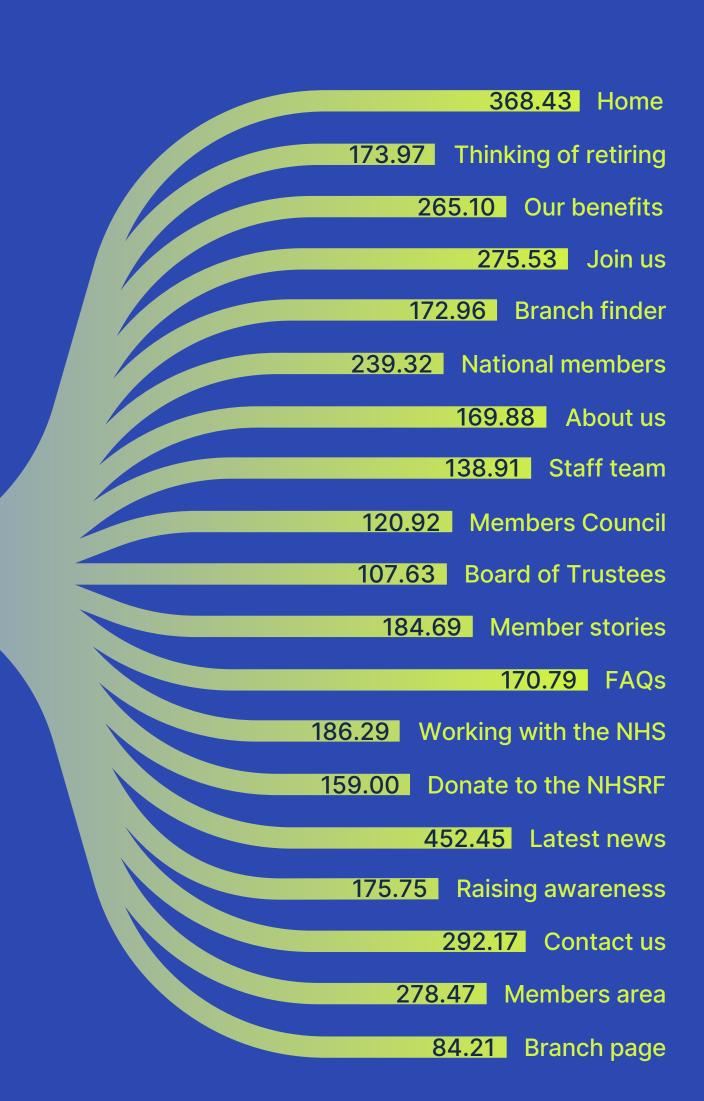
65.15% improvement

The weight of a web page affects how fast it loads, how much energy it uses, and it's accessibility – especially on slower connections or older devices. We have removed unnecessary elements and optimised performance, thereby reducing page size across your website. You are left with a more efficient website – better for the environment, and better for the people who use it.

Page weight average for website in kilobytes

Public Pages After: 19

Page weight for each page in kilobytes



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