

AMVS Green Team

Welcome to the 2025 summary edition of the AMVS Green Team Newsletter. We'd like to keep you up to date with our sustainability projects and informed of any helpful green tips and tricks we can find!

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What have we been up to here at Anderson Moores?

At our second site which houses our Feline Hyperthyroid Clinic and where our accounts and purchasing team are based, we've made lots of sustainable improvement. We've installed a new and more efficient oil heater which will soon be running on bio-oil, we have a new efficient air con unit and a new personnel door in our warehouse shutter to help maintain the temperature inside.

At our Bunstead Barns site where our main hospitals are situated we've welcomed a brand new MRI unit – this is great for efficiency across the board with better reliability reducing repair call outs and better energy usage. Our MRI also features a lovely wildflower border which brims with plants and insects in the summer months.

We have had new bat friendly outdoor lighting installed as well as most of our internal lighting converted to an energy saving motion sensor system which is really useful as we have staff onsite 24hours a day to look after our patients. As of December 2025, all our lighting, both indoor and outdoor is now made up of energy efficient LED's.

We've started auditing our bins to ensure we are recycling as much as possible and monitoring our resource use (electric, water, waste disposable, anaesthetic gases, fuel for our staff vehicle, paper ordering).

Our lab lead Emma was able to reduce our automated sample collections to request only reducing our carbon footprint of our couriers. She has also sourced better consumables used in some of our tests to reduce packaging.

We have created a new outdoors break area for our staff with benches and some trellis planted up with sunflowers and climbing plants. In the summer this area was bursting with butterflies! Our facilities lead, Rich, also built us a Big Hotel you can see in the Woodland Walk. Our woodland walk has also been maintained with a tree survey and some clearance of ivy and undergrowth to give the trees more space to flourish. Log piles were left to create a home for all those little woodland minibeasts.

Our purchasing team continually seek out better suppliers not just for better pricing but more reliable deliveries to reduce the carbon footprint of our suppliers on the road. We also break down our delivery boxes and the boxes returned to our suppliers for recycling. We have made the switch to eco-friendly cleaning products across the hospital and new metal sterilization boxes for our surgical kits, dramatically reducing surgical waste.

Our senior leadership team supply the hospital with fresh fruit every week supporting local businesses. The accounts team even tried growing plants from the seeds collected from the fruit provided!

In spring we held a food bank collection and donated to our local food bank to support National Food Bank Day. We are very thankful for our staff members generosity and had a great range of items to hand over from dog food to toiletries as well as good pantry items.

In 2025 we also promoted and took part in RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, No Mow May, The Big Butterfly Count, Veganuary, National Great British Spring Clean and World Refill Day. And we've held plant sales throughout the year for staff to donate plants and buy ones they like. The money was then used to plant new bulbs and wildflower seeds around the site. We also have

a “Seed Shop” on our staff noticeboard for staff to bring in unwanted seed packets for those who want to try something new to grow.

After conducting a staff travel survey and recognising that our site is only accessible by road we have spent the year providing tips for using the road to help improve car maintenance for efficiency and better driving. We also shared tips about sustainable spring cleaning (recycle those old electronics), gardening, keeping cool sustainably in the summer and how to enjoy summer travels and make sustainable choices. In October we shared a bumper edition of sustainable Halloween tips and tricks, repeated in December for enjoying a sustainable Christmas.

We took part in a pilot for a new Mars Veterinary Health Sustainability project, and we are pleased to say we scored gold! We can’t wait for the scheme to officially go live so we can dive into more sustainable projects.

And saving the best until last we were approved for a brand-new oxygen generator. The works for this have begun and we will see it installed and in use in early 2026. The addition of this for the hospital will mean no more weekly delivery of cylinders reducing lorry’s traveling to and from site, a more reliable oxygen system and less time spent by our wonderful nurses switching cylinders over which means more time spent with our beloved patients doing what we do best.

Throughout the year staff and visitors have been uploading pictures to the free inaturalist app (search and join “Anderson Moores Biodiversity”), recording any plants/mammals/insects/birds we see. We’ve found 318 species! That’s more than any other Linnaeus site who partake in this app!

Here are some of the awesome things we found this year:



MARS Coral Reef Restoration

Throughout the year we’ve promoted the super awesome Mars coral reef restoration project. In this project “The team identify sites where reef restoration is needed and then work with local communities to monitor and restore using a ‘MARRS’ – a hexagonal structure that is installed to on the seabed that new coral can bind to and grow.”

Check out www.buildingcoral.com for all the information and to see the incredible progress made in restoring our reefs!

Trees for Life

Did you know we currently have 35 trees with Trees For Life?

This makes a great living memorial for any pets you may have lost. Our own Senior leadership team supported the National Day Of Forests by donating a tree for every new consult held that day.

Our trees are planted across protected sites in the Scottish Highlands where they will create homes for wildlife and forests for the future. You can donate at <http://www.treesforlife.org.uk/groves/474229>

Anderson Moores Sustainability



Do you have any sustainability suggestions for us?

Or ways that you think we can improve?

We would really appreciate any feedback!

Please let us know what you think by scanning the QR code and our green team will take a look!

Thank you for your time and we look forward to taking even more sustainable steps forward in 2026.