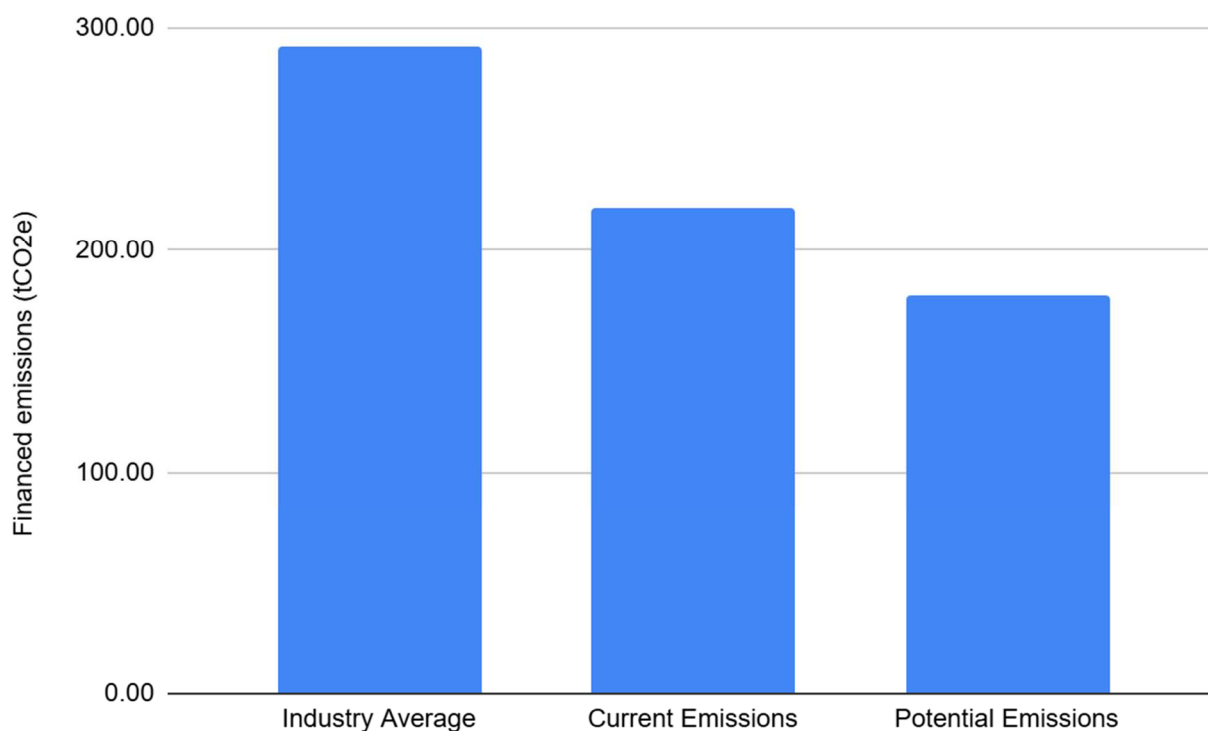


HDC taking steps to reduce its largest source of carbon emissions, working with MotherTree

As the Helston Downland Charity (HDC), we've been making major changes in how we operate in recent years. A significant example of this is the recent changes to HDC's investment portfolio, prompted by the introduction of the Investment [Policy Statement in 2022](#), excluding certain industries that have a negative impact on human and planetary health.

Two years on, the Board of HDC has entered into a detailed review of that investment portfolio. To this end, the HDC has appointed [MotherTree](#) – whose mission is to support values-led organisations in making a positive impact through their finances – to review our current investments from an ethical and environmental perspective.

Early results from their research, is promising; the carbon emissions from HDC's investment portfolio are 25% lower than an average portfolio of the same size.



However, we feel there are opportunities to improve the impact of our investment portfolio – maintaining our ability to benefit residents of Helston whilst maximising social and environmental benefit and minimising harm.

This formal process will be undertaken by the board of trustees that will be formed under the newly constituted Charitable Incorporate Organisation which we hope to have in place later this year

In the interim, HDC will continue to communicate with our current Investment Portfolio Manager to further progress our positive impact and reduce our negative impact wherever possible, reflecting this in our Investment Policy Statement where appropriate.

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