

**BRAND:** Klarna

**SUBJECT LINE 1:** You're exactly what the

world needs

**SUBJECT LINE 2:** Looking for a carbon

footprint tracker?

"I received this email from Klarna twice, different subject line each time, which explained that they've updated their app.

# Essentially there's now a new feature which allows you to calculate the CO<sub>2</sub> emission you make with every purchase.

It's part of a wider initiative from Klarna called 'Give One', a memorable name that will resonate well with the target audience.

The copy is pretty spot on throughout. The subject line – 'You're exactly what the world needs' – is both flattering and intriguing, an engaging combination. The body copy builds on the theme, talking to the reader like a hero who's on a 'journey to save the world'.

The promise to help customers 'make sense' of  $CO_2$  positions the brand not just as an authority, but one prepared to lead by example, too."



**Jemma Connor**Account Director

**BRAND:** Crate and Barrel (Kids) **SUBJECT LINE:** Earth Day – Mindful Living
Starts at Home

"Crate and Barrel make high-end homewares for people with a fair bit of disposable income.

They also write excellent, aspirational copy.

This email is aimed at parents who like the idea of creating a 'mindful home'.

Phrases like 'responsibly-made favourites', 'consciously curated', 'reduce waste', 'crafted-to-last', and 'healthy nest' are woven through the copy, to emphasise that these are products with strong green credentials.

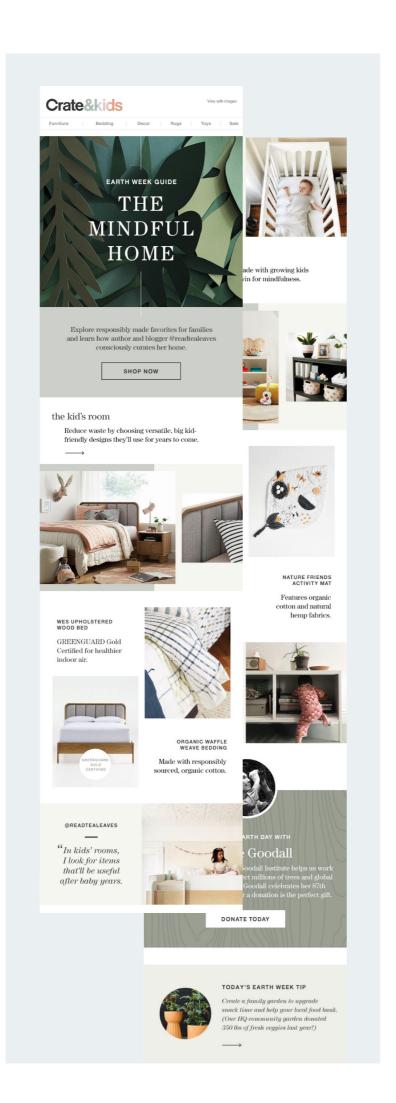
The commercial message is balanced by an invitation to donate to a charity that 'restores and protects millions of trees and global wildlife habitats.'

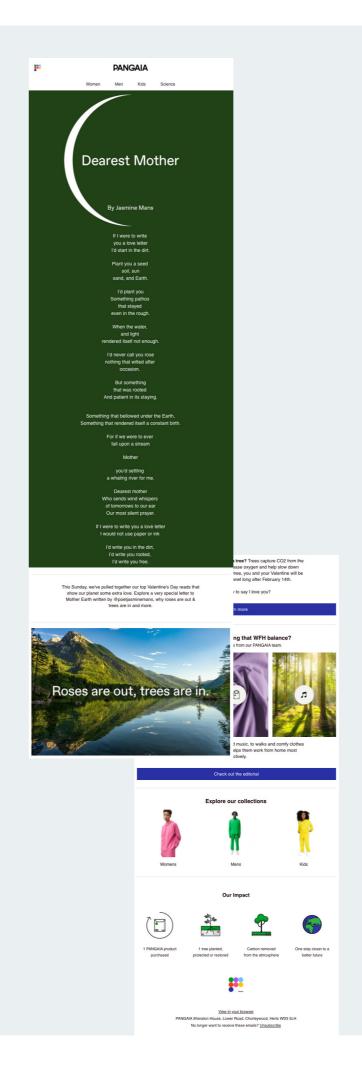
There's also a tip to 'create a family garden' which serves not only to 'upgrade snack time' but to 'support your local food bank' too.

In short, this is a message for people with both the morals and the means to give generously to the cause."



**Stuart Clark** Head of Copy





**BRAND:** Pangaia

**SUBJECT LINE:** A poem to our Dearest

Mother 🌑

"PANGAIA are an ethical fashion brand who are actually making a difference (and the clothes look fab, too!)

Every email I get from them is about sustainability, but I really liked this Valentine's email with a twist.

It starts with a sweet poem to Mother Earth – a nice appeal to the reader's emotions – before explaining how they can plant a tree this Valentine's Day, instead of giving roses.

A much more thoughtful idea."



Charlie Baker
Copywriter

## How to make your emails

## MORE SUSTAINABLE

One of the reasons email marketing is so popular is that emails cost next to nothing to send. You pay for the production of the email – the copywriting, design and build – yet the cost of actually sending it out is basically zero. Or so it might seem. Actually, there is a significant environmental cost to email – in fact all forms of digital marketing – that often goes unreported.

Pause for a moment and think about how many emails you receive every single day, how many you open, and how many you send. Each time you do so, you use electricity. To generate this electricity, we burn fossil fuels which in turn generates carbon dioxide. So, over the course of a year,

#### your email activity generates about as much CO<sub>2</sub> as flying from London to Bruges!

And that's just if the emails you're sending and receiving contain no images. If they contain images, or animations, or attachments, then your emails are producing even more CO<sub>2</sub>.

On a personal level there are simple steps you can take to reduce your email carbon footprint. For example, in the UK it's part of our national identity to be unfailingly polite. So, when someone emails you to confirm something, it's natural for you to fire back a quick thank you. Yet just cutting out these niceties would have roughly the same effect on reducing carbon emission as taking over 3.000 diesel cars off the roads!

#### Don't send emails to people who don't respond

If you've got email addresses on your list that don't respond to your emails, don't keep pressing send. Not only is it a waste of electricity but it has a negative effect on your sender reputation, too. Instead, pull those email addresses out of your sender pot and create a programme which specifically aims to re-engage them. If that fails, remove them from your data list completely.

## Send fewer emails to your customers

It sounds counter-intuitive, to send fewer emails to your customers. After all, email is so cheap you might as well email as often as you can, right? Well, not necessarily. If the content of your emails is poor, then sending more and more emails to try and bump up your responses won't work. Instead, it's better to reduce the frequency but change up the content. Providing your list with a rich and varied inbox will not only boost the performance of your programme but will cut your carbon emissions, too.

## Be more targeted, less scatter-gun

Good segmentation allows you to reach more of the people you want to reach and fewer of the people you don't. For example, let's say you're a retailer that sells both fashion and homewares and you've got a promotion on your cookware. It makes sense to email only those customers who've bought homewares from you in the past, rather than your fashion customers, too.

#### **Could your emails do better?**



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**BRAND:** Nike

**SUBJECT LINE:** Move to Zero Community Challenge

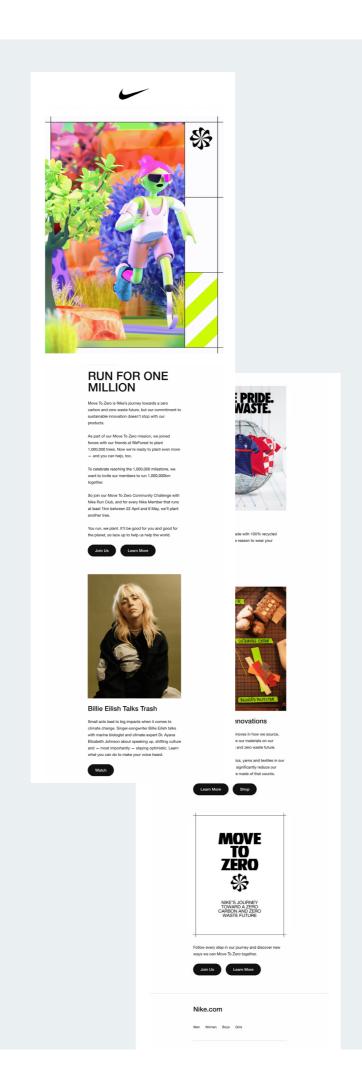
### "The key word in this email from Nike is 'community'.

Throughout the email, Nike explain that they are on a 'journey towards a zero carbon and zero waste future', and encourage the reader to join in with the action. The proposition is nicely summed up by the 'you run, we plant' line, which is tucked away at the top of the email.

# What I really liked about this email is that, for every 1km you run during the promotion period, Nike will plant a tree.

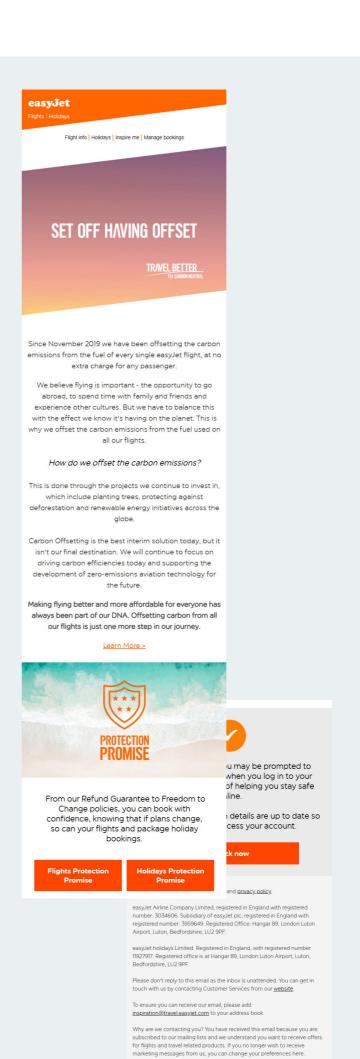
Nike even manages to subtly weave in a sales message, encouraging the reader to shop for football shirts made from 100% recycled plastic bottles.

And to top it off, they've featured a celebrity endorsement from Billie Eilish, which boosts appeal and makes the overall message feel current."





Jacina Ryan Account Executive



**BRAND:** easyJet

**SUBJECT LINE:** Set off having offset

## "As you might expect, the airline industry generates a lot of carbon emissions.

Which puts a brand like easyJet in a tricky position when it comes to messages about sustainability.

How do you square a need to keep people buying airline tickets with a desire to present your brand as doing its bit for the environment?

# Actually, this educational email does a pretty decent job of talking up the brand's commitment to offsetting carbon emissions.

It doesn't seek to downplay the effect air travel has on the planet's health. But it explains in detail the tangible steps the brand continues to take to 'make flying better'."



**Liz Hartley**Account Executive

**BRAND:** Made.com

**SUBJECT LINE:** Introducing Geev\_our new

giveaway service

#### "I think 'give away, don't throw away' is a really interesting concept.

It's a positive way for the brand to acknowledge that too many people are throwing away perfectly good furniture - and also do something about it.

But it's not just about re-homing pre-loved furniture. Made.com also give money to good causes for every piece of furniture listed.

#### It's a nice way for a big brand to feel more like a local business that's contributing to the community.

I like how the neutral colours, simple graphics and clean layout help to guide the eye - ensuring that it's the message that takes centre-stage."



#### Give away, don't throw away

Buying a new MADE piece, but don't want the old to go to waste? We've partnered with giveaway platform Geev to help you rehome your pre-loved furniture. Plus, for every item you list, we'll make a donation to charity.



#### Everybody's happy

Finding a new home for the stuff you don't need anymore means less landfill and waste. It's also a great way to give back to your loca ommunity. Good for society, good

Browse furniture

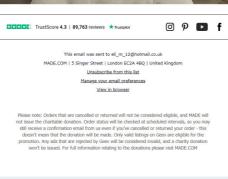
#### Sweet charity

We give money to a good cause for every successful donation you make. All you have to do is pick from one of our five charity partners, and we'll donate 10% of your order value to your chosen organisation.





**Betty McMahon Account Director** 





WOMEN MEN GIRLS BOYS BABY



#### A not-so-new fabric

From May, all our new womenswear wimwear will be made from recycled ylon. It was a big project changing the whole range - everything is always tested to Boden standards, which are high. Our next step is reviewing our

ally-Ann, Garment Technologist

#### Restoring rainforest with REGUA

#### Denim with a difference

"Cotton farming and denim production have a high environmental impact, so we worked closely with our suppliers to make our range more sustainable. By May, all new women's denim styles will be made with sustainably sourced cotton: a combination of recycled cotton and cotton sourced through BCI." Adam, Assistant Designe



#### Business as unusual

Things aren't quite back to 'normal' just yet. Getting items in stock is still proving tricky in some cases and may involve a slightly longer wait than expected. Please bear with us while we work closely with our suppliers to get your orders to you as guickly as possible. Head to our hub to read our

Covid-19 FAQs.



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**BRAND:** Boden

**SUBJECT LINE:** Making meaningful changes

#### "This simple email from Boden was sent on Earth Day.

It presents itself as an 'update' to the reader about what the brand has been doing sustainability-wise.

Boden always write nice copy and there's a cute play on how their clothes make you feel vs how they're made.

#### There's an honesty to the tone too - an acknowledgement that, while the brand is doing a lot, there's 'always more to be done'.

I like how each copy pod is written by an individual, from 3 separate departments.

It underlines the idea that sustainability is everyone's responsibility - not just fluff written by the marketing department."



**Christopher Morey** Account Director

**BRAND:** Warehouse

**SUBJECT LINE:** Tell us your thoughts

on sustainability

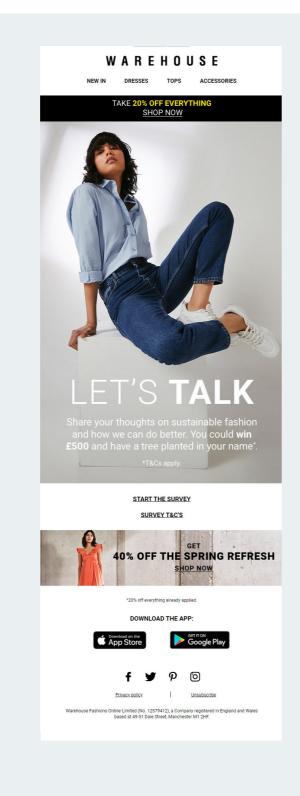
"Plenty of fashion brands have started to acknowledge both the environmental and social impact fast fashion has on the planet.

Here Warehouse are looking to start a conversation with their customers.

## Too often, brands use surveys to score quick ratings – tell us how brilliant we are.

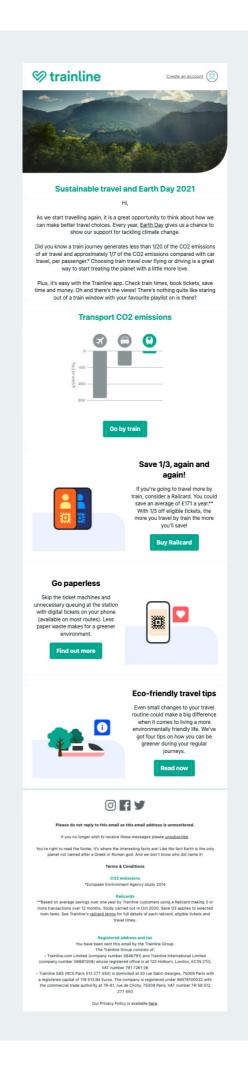
But here Warehouse are after real opinions on 'how we can do better', which suggests they're genuinely looking to improve.

The size of the incentive suggests that sustainability is a topic they're taking seriously, too – it's more than just box-ticking."





**Abi Hall** Email Developer



**BRAND:** Trainline

**SUBJECT LINE:** Choose the greener way

to travel

"Sometimes it can feel like a brand is simply trying to 'green-wash' its image by pushing a sustainability message.

But that's not the case with this email from Trainline.

As the body copy points out, taking the train is far more environmentally-friendly than driving or flying.

#### So, the invitation to 'start treating the planet with a little more love' feels authentic.

It helps that the email also includes some eco-friendly travel tips and a call to go paperless – underlining the brand's green credentials even further."



Adrian Rowe Chairman **BRAND:** Dulux Trade

**SUBJECT LINE:** Looking for a more sustainable paint for your projects?

"This solus email introduces the reader to a brand new product from Dulux Trade.

Airsure is a range of paints specially formulated by Dulux Trade to minimise the impact paint can have on indoor air quality.

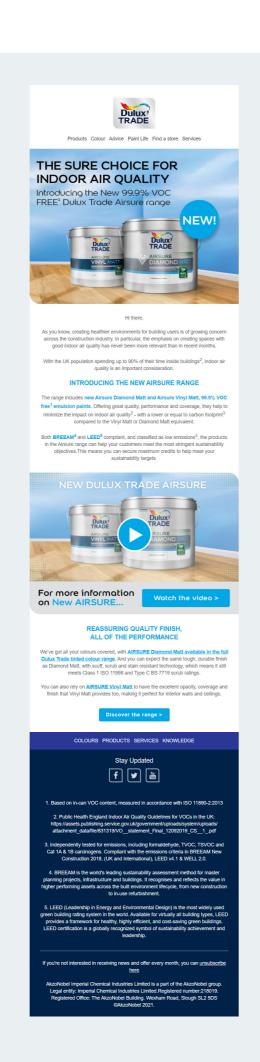
This product was launched during the pandemic, making it both timely and relevant given how many of us were working indoors at the time.

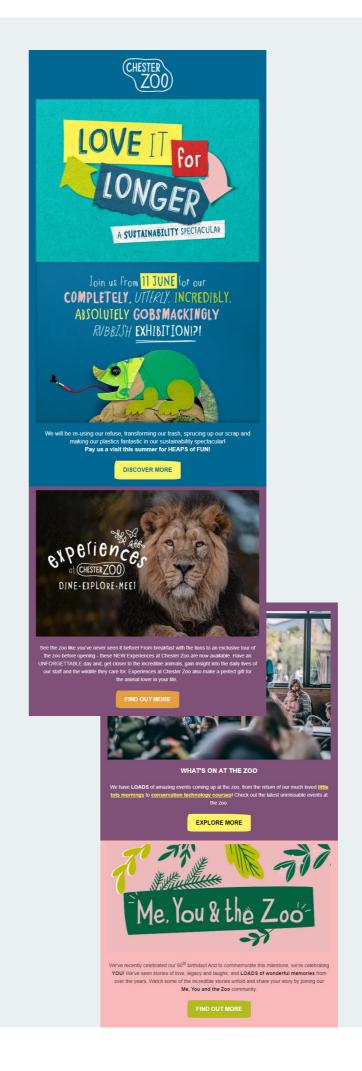
The copy combines simple, straightforward language with technical specifics the target audience would want to know about.

It underlines the need for brands to be able to substantiate their sustainability claims with provable facts.

Design-wise, we kept things clean, saving a key area of focus for an explanatory video."







**BRAND:** Chester Zoo **SUBJECT LINE:** The biggest pile of garbage you will ever see

"From the teaser subject line to the breathless tone of voice, this email does a brilliant job of making a sustainability message feel spectacular.

It's essentially an invitation for the reader to visit the zoo to see a 'rubbish exhibition', where everything on display is made from recycled materials, trash and scrap.

As you might expect from a brand offering family days out, the tone is superplayful, while the 'cut-out' graphics lend the whole email a naïve charm."



**Nick Jones** Head of Design **BRAND:** The Body Shop

**SUBJECT LINE:** Our recycling scheme

is back 😘

"Of all the emails I receive from The Body Shop, this one really stood out.

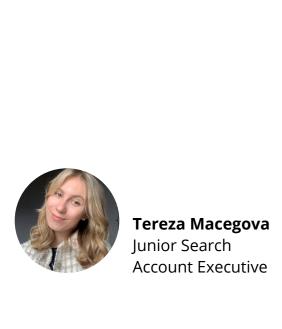
Unlike their sales or product guide emails, which I receive a lot of, this email focuses solely on the brand's sustainability story.

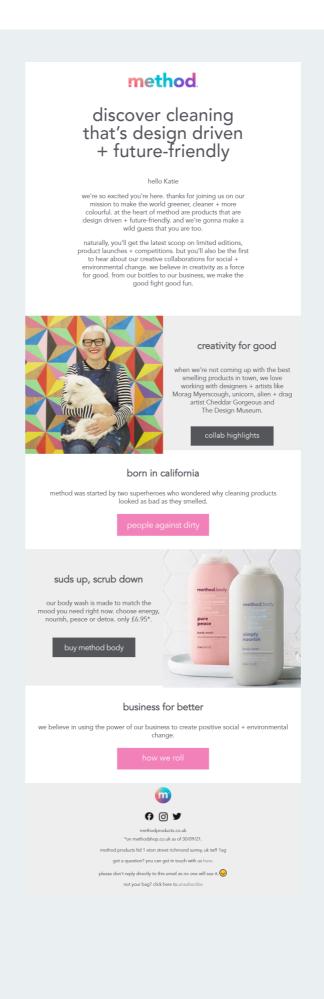
Given The Body Shop's history and reputation as a sustainable brand, it actually seems weird that they don't push this message more often in their emails.

The design and layout is simple and effective, with an eye-catching gif and clever icons helping to tell the story.

The copy does a good job of clearly explaining how the recycling scheme works. It also notes that the scheme began in 1993, underlining the brand's decades-long commitment to sustainability."







BRAND: method

**SUBJECT LINE:** welcome to the good fight.

it's good fun 🞉 🢪

"This is Method's onboarding email that you get when you first sign up.

The subject line welcomes the reader, and it also introduces their brand platform, the good fight.

On the face of it, the brand makes ethical cleaning products, yet that's only part of the story.

Method's main USP is the way it does business – not just sustainably but 'futurefriendly', too.

They call it 'business for better' and it's about reinvesting profits into making the world a better place.

When you think that cleaning products are one of the biggest causes of water pollution, it shows the brand is not afraid to take a stand.

In doing so, they're setting the standard for the rest of the industry to follow, and I admire them for that."



**Katie Bovington**Account Manager



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