

## LFC and Spurs Joint Top of Sport Positive Leagues Matrix

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2023, London:** For the fourth time, Sport Positive Leagues has collated a large cross section of information on the environmental sustainability efforts of English Premier League (EPL) clubs, releasing it today via the Sport Positive Leagues EPL 2022 Matrix.

Liverpool FC and Tottenham Hotspur FC remain in joint first position for the second year running, with Manchester City FC in third and Southampton FC in fourth. Every Premier League club collaborated with Sport Positive Leagues on this effort, and shared or verified all the information that is included.

All information about the clubs efforts and the entire Sport Positive Leagues EPL 2022 matrix can be found on the [website](#).

For the 2022/23 season update, points across various categories have been updated to make it more difficult to achieve top points unless the club is working holistically across all sites, in a systematic way and with continued ambition. Sustainable Procurement has been added as a new category and a category on Sponsorship/Ownership has also been added, although doesn't yet have scoring, for reasons outlined [here](#).

Tottenham Hotspur Executive Director, Donna-Maria Cullen, said: *"We are proud to have been named at the top of the Sport Positive league table for a fourth year running. As a Club, we are acutely aware of the role we can play in addressing the threat posed by climate change and have embedded environmental sustainability within everything we do. It is extremely important we take our players with us on this journey and the first-of-its-kind training we have recently facilitated for all teams is a huge part of this. We also acknowledge there is still so much more to do as we work towards achieving our net zero target of 2040."*

Tottenham Hotspur first team men's player, Ben Davies said: *"As players we're fully aware of the amount of work the Club is doing on the sustainability front. The training gave us an understanding of the impact a huge organisation like ours can have on the environment while also talking us through the ways we can reduce our emissions and be as sustainable as possible. The more educated we are on the subject, the better we can be – it's about taking small steps as individuals and, by using our platforms to encourage others to do the same, it all adds up."*

Ben Latty, Liverpool FC commercial director and executive sponsor of The Red Way, added: *"We're delighted to top the Sport Positive Leagues matrix for the second year in a row. As a global football club we know we have a responsibility to help inspire and encourage positive changes in behaviour. We also acknowledged that to become a true leader in this space, and to place sustainability firmly at the heart of who we were, we had to create a more holistic and centralised approach. That led to the launch of The Red Way in 2021. The positive actions of our colleagues and partners, working together to make a real difference, has allowed The Red Way to develop and thrive. So much so that it is now a fundamental part of everything that we do. But we're also aware there is more for us to do and we have ambitious targets moving forward. Big congratulations to Tottenham Hotspur also, who we share top spot with once again."*

In regard to the work that Premier League clubs are doing in this space, Sport Positive Founder Claire Poole commented, *"Every year we do this, we see ever more examples of progress from all clubs; with more carbon emission reduction commitments, transparent reporting on scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, adopting or pioneering innovation, engaging players and more. We are also heartened to see the number of clubs that have or are currently recruiting sustainability managers, which will enable greater*



*focus and pace in this critical area. We congratulate clubs for their efforts towards a sustainable future, but in concert with the clubs underline there is still much to do in many areas.”*

Sport Positive Leagues have endeavoured to share environmental sustainability information on football clubs in an easily digestible matrix format since 2019, having done three previous editions of Sport Positive Leagues focussed on Premier League clubs, as well as the English Football League, Bundesliga and Ligue 1 clubs, with others in progress.

The categories that clubs are evaluated on for this edition of Sport Positive Leagues matrix include: commitment and policy, clean energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, waste management, single use plastic reduction/removal, water efficiency, the availability of low-carbon/plant based food, biodiversity, education, communications/engagement and sustainable procurement. Sponsorship and ownership information is included to raise awareness of sponsors and existing sustainability activations, but not yet scored.

These matrices are released every year, and each year the categories that clubs are evaluated on evolve - making it more difficult to reach the maximum points unless a clubs is working consistently, holistically, and with ambition, across the organisation and properties. Whilst they are only released once a year, clubs can update Sport Positive on their efforts at any time, and the website will be updated.

Sport Positive Leagues have released a short FAQ paper to answer questions that the organisation receives in regard to this work. That paper can be accessed [here](#).

For more information on Sport Positive visit the website for full information: [www.sportpositiveleagues.com](http://www.sportpositiveleagues.com)

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