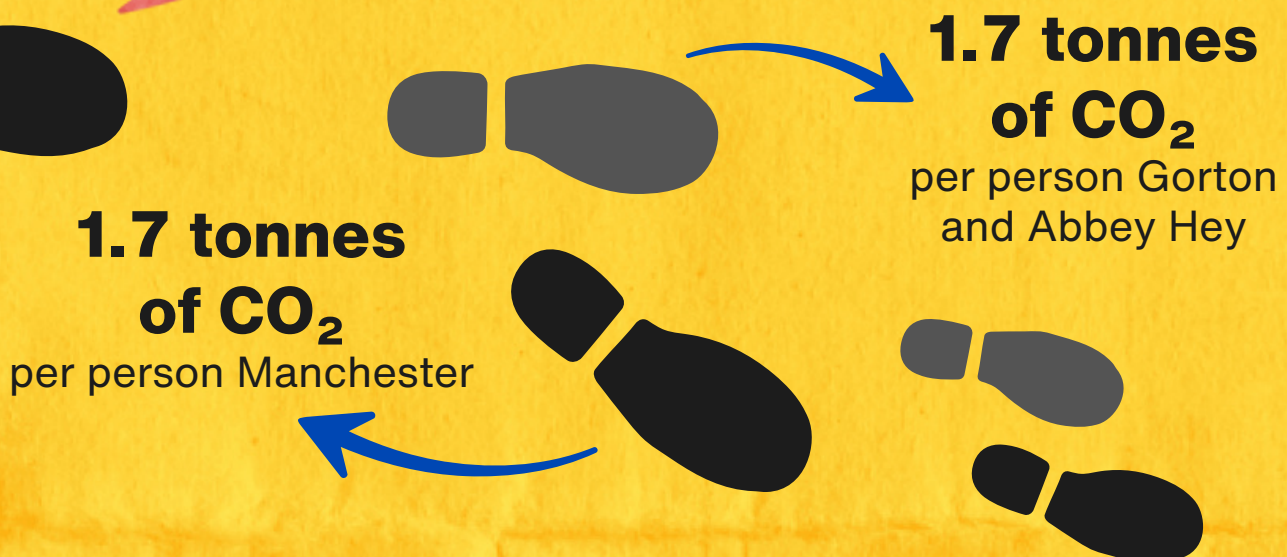


Gorton and Abbey Hey's Carbon Footprint

**Gorton and Abbey Hey's
Carbon Footprint is the
same as the average for
Manchester.**

Our individual actions can make a big difference to help reduce it. Read on to find out what's adding to the Carbon Footprint and ways to take action.



In a nutshell...

At home

70% of the homes in Gorton & Abbey Hey with an Energy Performance Certificate scored below a 'C' rating for energy performance. This means they need more energy to keep warm, which could mean releasing more CO₂.

On the move

Gorton & Abbey Hey has a public transport accessibility score of between 5/8 and 7/8. This means coverage, frequency and reliability is good to very high compared to other areas in the city.



Top actions and tips

Organisations like [Energy Saving Trust](#) can help advise you on improving your home's energy performance even further as well as saving you money.

Making more use of your public transport links as well as cycling or walking to get around will lower carbon emissions and benefit your health and wellbeing.



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Dig into the detail

At home

Electrical sockets and lights in Gorton & Abbey Hey are emitting less CO₂ now than 10 years ago. This is due to changes in where we get our electricity from and improvements in the efficiency of our lightbulbs and appliances. By choosing more efficient appliances and using them less regularly, Gorton & Abbey Hey's carbon footprint can be reduced even further.

Most homes in Gorton & Abbey Hey have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) that gives us an idea of how energy efficient a home is. Homes with an 'A' rating need less energy to keep warm and light, homes with a 'G' rating are hard and expensive to heat. 79% of homes in Gorton & Abbey Hey with an EPC are average or above average on energy performance ('D' or higher). But, only 30% of homes are a 'C' rating or above and just 5% are low cost and low carbon to heat and power ('A' and 'B' rated). Organisations like the [Energy Saving Trust](#) and [People Powered Retrofit](#) can help with advice on improving your home's energy efficiency, and the [Help for Households](#) website has lots of low and no cost tips for saving energy.

The gas we use to heat our homes is a CO₂ causing fossil fuel. The amount of gas used in Gorton & Abbey Hey hasn't changed much over the last 10 years, so CO₂ emissions remain largely the same. By improving the energy efficiency of homes in Gorton & Abbey Hey and swapping gas appliances to electric for things like cooking, Gorton & Abbey Hey can reduce its carbon footprint.

On the move

Most of Gorton & Abbey Hey has a high public transport accessibility score of between 5/8 and 7/8. This means the coverage, frequency and reliability of bus, Metrolink and rail services is good to very high across the ward. Only 17% of people in Gorton & Abbey Hey travel more than 6 miles for work.

As in most of England, Gorton & Abbey Hey's car travel carbon emissions didn't change for the 10 years up to the pandemic but there are opportunities to reduce this footprint with good options for low carbon travel and potential for more walking and cycling. Plan your journey with the [Bee Network](#).

To find out more about how we calculated the carbon footprints and check the data for yourself, head to: www.manchesterclimate.com/local-carbon-footprints

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