

Purchasing Guide

Buy local

Try and support local, independent and small businesses when making purchases. This benefits our local community & economy.

Check suppliers

When online orders are necessary think about:
How ethical/sustainable is the supplier I've chosen?

Where are they based? (Avoid deliveries from overseas!)

Will this order come with unnecessary packaging?

Buy Fairtrade

Where possible buy Fairtrade! This goes for a range of products, from clothing to food.

There are other ethical labels that we recognise, such as Fairwear, WRAP, FSC, Rainforest Alliance and Organic Soil Association.

Group online orders

When online orders are necessary, communicate with other members of the office to ensure that we group orders together to minimise packages. This means planning in advance and avoiding last minute orders

More packages = a higher carbon footprint!



Avoid single-use plastics

AUBSU has committed to avoiding single-use plastics so please do your best to avoid these plastics in your purchases. This could be the product (e.g. straws, plastic-lined coffee cups, single-use gifts) or the packaging that the product comes in (e.g. opt for loose fruit and veg or shop-bought products to avoid delivery packaging).