



# Ellers Farm Distillery

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**We are a start-up distillery situated just outside of York. Our focus is creating the world's best spirits in the most sustainable way and our aim is to have a positive impact on both people and the planet. We have created a range of spirits, but our particular focus is launching a global vodka brand.**

## **What the project entailed:**

Since our first day of production our aim has always been to create a carbon neutral business and product range. In order to make this happen we needed to calculate the carbon footprint of our business and our entire supply chain, according to the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. We also wanted to ensure that we approached our calculations in the most credible way, so we needed to verify them with a third party certification recognised by both consumers and retailers. In order to complete the certification process we needed to forecast our scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions for our first twelve months of production.

## **Why you chose to recruit an intern for the project:**

As a business we want to embed ourselves in the local community and look for ways to build mutual, long-standing relationships. We had already commissioned some work with the University on another project and were exploring more ways to work together when we learnt about the student internship programme. We saw the internship as a win-win where we had access to a talented, educated individual and a student had an opportunity to be involved in real, tangible business challenges.

## **How has the intern contributed to the development and/or growth of your organisation/department?**

Rosalin's contribution was critical to the certification of both our business, and our products. Her hard work ensured that we reached our ambition of carbon neutrality from day one, and allowed us to prove to the market that we are actively contributing to the fight against climate change. Rosalin's contributions weren't just limited to this project, she was also involved in marketing and sales projects. A fresh perspective from a younger member of the team was one of the less tangible, but still highly valuable aspects of employing an intern.