

Environmental Policy

Our work focuses on community and environmental improvement, and we recognise the positive impact that this work has on the environment. Equally, we recognise that our activities (key aspects being travel, energy use, procurement of goods and waste generation) have a negative environmental impact and we aim to reduce this where appropriate.

We will achieve this by:

- Minimising our consumption of resources, waste production, energy and water consumption and releases to the atmosphere where possible and as appropriate.
- Ensuring that all relevant environmental legislation and regulations are met and, where possible, exceeded.
- Preventing pollution through compliance with legal requirements, using biodegradable/low environmental impact cleaning materials and providing an environment free of hazardous materials, radiation or vapours.
- Demonstrating good practice through our low impact, environmentally friendly site and activities, and encouraging core group members, staff, volunteers and visitors (including those hiring our facilities) to travel there by environmentally friendly methods.
- Promoting good practice and providing advice to our members and others.
- Encouraging our suppliers to improve their own environmental performance, and making environmentally-guided decisions when selecting suppliers and procuring goods.
- Providing appropriate induction on this policy for all core group members, staff, volunteers and freelancers. The policy will be made available to members and others through our website.

Signed

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