

Environment Policy



Revision History

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Our work focuses on community and environmental improvement, and we recognise the positive impact that this work has on the environment.
- 1.2 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.

2. Policy Statement

We will work further to enhance the environment and minimise any negative impacts by:

- 2.1. Demonstrating good practice through our low impact, environmentally-friendly site and activities, in particular by incorporating ecological principles into the development and maintenance of the garden, enabling it to act as a showcase for wildlife gardening and permaculture principles
- 2.2. Encouraging staff, volunteers, trustees, gardeners, tutors, hirers and visitors to travel here by environmentally friendly methods.
- 2.3. Minimising our consumption of resources, waste production, energy and water consumption and releases to the atmosphere where possible and as appropriate.
- 2.4. Ensuring that all relevant environmental legislation and regulations are met and, where possible, exceeded.

- 2.5. Preventing pollution through compliance with legal requirements as a minimum, using biodegradable/low environmental impact cleaning materials and providing an environment free of hazardous materials, radiation or vapours.
- 2.6. Promoting good practice and providing advice to our members and others via the provision of educational courses, talks and opportunities for hands-on experience at volunteer days.
- 2.7. Encouraging our suppliers to improve their own environmental performance, and making environmentally-guided decisions such as choosing low-carbon, organic or minimal waste options, when selecting suppliers and procuring goods.

3. Publication

- This policy will be available at Ransom's Pavilion and on the Triangle Garden website: www.trianglegarden.org. It is available on request in hard copy – please email info@trianglegarden.org or write to Triangle Community Garden, c/o Hitchin Initiative, 1A Churchyard Hitchin SG5 1HR
- Current and new members of staff, volunteers, trustees, tutors, hirers and contractors will be made aware of its existence and any revisions made.