Our Environmental Policy

Environmental Policy Commitments

**WE ARE** committed to playing a leading role in finding and promoting solutions to continually improve the condition of our environment and of all our business and visitor management activities which have an impact on the environment.

**WE WILL** use all resources wisely, in the manner expected of an environmental charity, and we will take every opportunity to minimise our use of non-renewable resources and look to provide as many resources from our own estate as possible.

**WE WILL** establish a baseline for key resources against which we will measure performance in using those resources wisely. Improvements will be assessed and reported via clear, independently-verified measures to ensure accountability and continuous improvement. This will primarily be delivered through the Trust’s externally certified Environmental Management System. Recognising the environmental risk associated with some resources we have taken the following steps: all the timber and wood products we use in our operations is FSC certified and we do not use any peat in our gardens or plant sales.

**WE WILL** prevent pollution and respect the level of protection afforded to the environment by environmental legislation. We will comply with all compliance obligations and demonstrate how this can be done in the context not only of a charity but also of a thriving business.

*Every one of us has the ability and responsibility to contribute to this!*

Summary of Actions

- Drive forward resource efficiency and reduce waste
- Reduce emissions from travel and machinery
- Engage staff, volunteers and contractors
- Reduce water consumption and prevent pollution
- Prepare for climate change
- Reduce carbon emissions from energy consumption
- Assess and improve the sustainability of our projects

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