

Environmental Policy

We care about the environment that we all share and accept that we have a duty to minimise our impact on it and to ensure compliance with all relevant UK environmental policies, legislation, and guidance.

This Policy applies the charities activities at our premises.

1 Procurement

We will aim to minimise the waste we produce by considering what we purchase, by procuring goods with minimal packaging and packaging that can be recycled.

Where practical we will avoid purchasing products in non-recyclable material and aim to purchase food in packaging such as paper sacks, tins and cardboard.

We not knowingly purchase animal feeds that contain GMO's and where practical, avoid animal by-products and aim to purchase feed approved by the Vegetarian Society.

Where we can, we will source waste food that would otherwise go to landfill or incineration such as waste fruit, vegetables and bread.

2 Waste, Reuse and Recycling

It is our policy to work with our volunteers to ensure that;

- Waste is disposed of in line with legal and environmental requirements.
- We maximise the recycling of recyclable waste.
- We minimise waste sent to landfill.
- Other than waste from meat eating animals, other animal waste will be composted at our premises and used on our land to feed pastures. Excess compost is offered to volunteers and locals.
- Where practical, items will be repaired or put to good reuse.

3 Energy Conservation

We will encourage electricity and water conservation to ensure minimum consumption.

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4 Fertilisers, Pesticides and Herbicides

The pasture at our land, although not certified, will be treated as organic, we will avoid any use of chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides.

5 Biodiversity

Our aim is to promote and improve biodiversity through the choices we make and in particular, the planting of native trees and hedgerows on our land.