

West Faversham Community Association

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Environmental Awareness Policy

West Faversham Community Association recognises its responsibility for the environment and will ensure compliance with all relevant current and future legislation. Where appropriate, we will also endeavour to be compliant with appropriate codes of practice.

However, compliance with current legislation and codes of practice, is not enough to delivery our aims. The charity understands the vital importance of doing more, to not only in having carbon neutral operations, but to set an example to others in our community, and educate our community.

We do not aim to reduce our impact on our natural world, we aim to have a larger and larger impact year on year, but for this impact to a positive one. Simply doing our part internally is not enough, and therefore our ethos is to –

- Deliver carbon negative operations, and share our learning on this with others
- Educate and Engage our community them in reducing their carbon footprints
- Work with our community to find more ways to support and protect the natural world locally
- Develop a culture of environmental concision in our team, and the young people we work with through well planned activities, that ensure they act in natures best interest day in day out.

The charity aims to make a concision shift in the delivery of its services, over the next 5 years, aligning them with this ethos. The leadership of the charity is clear that token green initiatives will not fulfil this, and that it needs to be built into everything we do, as a present theme to all activities and operations.

As part of meeting our legal requirements we are committed to minimising the environmental impact of our operations, and continue to operate side by side with our partners and stakeholders. In particular, we will achieve this through our commitment to:

- Reduce the amount of waste produced, in particular food waste;
- Monitor our water use;
- Minimise noise from the site;
- Work closely with environmental advisors and regulators to improve our overall environmental credentials and ensure the ongoing conservation of sensitive ecosystems for which we are responsible;
- Work to reduce annual paper consumption year on year;

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- Regularly review the environmental impact of our activities, endeavour to reduce our overall environmental impact and prevent waste using best practice techniques;
- Involve employees in our environmental programme and provide necessary training to enable them to discharge their responsibilities;
- Consider journeys made by staff and consider pooling or reducing references to lower annual mileage.
- Work with key suppliers to encourage them to develop environmental best practice; and
- Improve resource efficiency (including our use of water, energy and raw materials).
- Where possible we aim to use recycled or recyclable materials

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