

## **Environmental Policy**

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust is committed to developing and implementing environmentally responsible practices in all of its operations, aiming to maximise environmental benefits through wildlife conservation. We recognise, however, that environmentally responsible choices may sometimes not be economically viable given the financial resources available.

- Worcestershire Wildlife Trust will strive to achieve the best possible environmental practice in our decisions and in our activities.
- We will endeavour to minimise the impacts of our operations by the efficient use of our vehicle fleet, by investigating low energy technologies and by encouraging recycling and reuse.
- We will use stakeholder feedback to reassess policy and performance in light of changed regulatory, environmental, social or ethical requirements. We will communicate on our conservation ideals with interested parties including employees, volunteers, members, local residents and public authorities with a spirit of open dialogue.
- We will review the environmental credentials of our suppliers and contractors as required. Our procurement activities will include robust evaluation processes to ensure consideration of sustainability, cost, quality, delivery and competence.
- We will ensure our staff, volunteers and contractors have sufficient experience and training to meet their responsibilities and contribute towards the achievement of our environmental policy.
- We will investigate circumstances where we believe we could make improvements in terms of our environmental performance, specifically reduction of greenhouse gases, resource efficiency and energy management.
- The Trust will review this policy every five years and carry out assessment through monitoring. A senior member of staff will be designated to monitor compliance and carry out an annual selective audit which will be reported to Council.

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