

Environmental Policy



General

The Trustees of Pillgwenlly Millennium Trust Ltd consider the protection of the environment to be of major importance. Environmental protection is perceived to be an integral part of efficient management in every sphere of Pillgwenlly Millennium Trust Ltd.'s activities. High standards are to be applied by all those who work in or use the Centre, or are in any other way operating under the auspices of the Trustees, complying with legislation, codes of practice and official guidance relevant to environmental protection in particular with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

Environmental Policy Measures

The Trustees will ensure:

Awareness and Commitment

- Promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection.
- Ensure that the trustees, members, volunteers and users are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and its objectives.
- Ensure that the Centre and activities associated with it comply with all relevant environmental regulations.

Energy and Water

- Ensure energy is used efficiently and wherever possible reduce its use.
- Centre staff are regularly reminded to turn off lights and heating when they are not necessary.
- Use water efficiently and with care.
- Avoid pollutants entering the drainage system.

Waste

- Reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging.
- Encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic food and garden waste.
- Dispose of waste in a safe and responsible manner.
- Ensure that recyclable items are disposed of in the recycling waste bin and not the general waste.

Materials and Resources

- Buy or otherwise obtain products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way.
- Use locally-made goods where practicable.
- Take into account the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises.
- Maximise the proportion of paper used from sustainable sources and recycled materials.
- Offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper for those who are suitably equipped.

Food Bank and Community Pantry

- Food bank users will be encouraged to bring their own reusable bag.
- Community Pantry regular weekly users will be expected to bring their own reusable bags and no plastic bags will be used.
- Partnership agreements are in place for Centre volunteers to make regular collections from local supermarkets to reduce the amount of surplus food going to landfill.

Community Café and Catering

- The Trust has pledged that the Community Café will cease using plastics and non-recyclable food service items such as food containers and cutlery.
- Centre catering arrangements will also cease using plastics and non-recyclable food service items.

Natural Environment

- Take appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural environment surrounding the Centre.
- Be sensitive to the impact of activities on the local environment.

Travel

- Make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting from the use of motorised vehicles by avoidance of unnecessary travel and by using energy efficient vehicles.
- Encourage users of the Centre to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport as much as possible.
- Encourage the sharing of transport where possible.

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