

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Liquorice Park

Aims

We will reduce and effectively manage our impact in a responsible manner, by ensuring that environmental considerations are integrated into decision making.

Applicability

This policy applies to all trustees, other volunteers, contractors, and third-party representatives of Liquorice Park (the “Charity”). Its requirements should be reflected in our policies and procedures, as necessary.

The Need & Our Responsibility

None of us can save the planet alone, but all of us can do something and, as a charity, we should play our part.

Impact on the Environment

We should do all we can to use water efficiently by ensuring that we store water effectively where we can and tackle any water leaks discovered within the Park .

Managing this Impact

Impact can be managed through the Waste Hierarchy below:

Eliminate	Reduce	Re-Use	Recycle	Dispose
Avoid producing waste in the first place	Minimise the amount of waste you do produce	Use items as many times, as possible	Recycle what you can only after you have re-used it	Dispose of what's left in a responsible way

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Section 1 - Materials and Resources

1. Where practicable we should aim to buy products manufactured from recycled waste.

2. Rather than printing leaflets, posters, fundraiser packs, etc we should endeavour to create digital versions - not only more eco-friendly, but these are also easier to share and cost less.
3. Double sided printing and back to back photocopying should be undertaken where practicable.
4. We use e-mail in preference to hard copy mail. For example, in the distribution of minutes of meetings. This not only avoids wasting resources but is cheaper and quicker.
5. Don't automatically print. We should try to save e-mails and documents on hard drives to reduce toner and paper usage, and you can find them again, if you need to.

Section 2 - Managing Waste

1. Non plant material waste is collected in bin bags from the various bins around the Park and processed by the council.
2. All plant materials should normally be recycled in the designated recycling areas of the Park .

Section 3 - Water Use

1. We should always turn off or repair dripping taps, and also at least annually check our water meter for leakage by monitoring the meter when all taps are closed .

Section 4 - Emissions and Transport

1. We should source goods and services locally, where this is cost effective.
2. We should continue to hold trustee and AGM meetings locally to minimise travel.
3. Where we can use electronic means to communicate e.g. online apps like WhatsApp to minimise travel .

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