



Glamorgan West Area Scout Council

Environmental Policy

As an organisation we recognise our responsibilities for the environment and we are committed to working towards minimising the environmental Impacts of our activities.

We will endeavour to comply with all existing Environmental Legislation and the rules and policies of the Scout Association in respect of the environment. We will endeavour to stay ahead of proposed legislation by implementing the best practices wherever this is practical.

We will work towards improvement in our environmental performance by the conservation of Energy and Natural Resources, preventing pollution, the reduction, and where possible, the elimination of Emissions, Nuisances and Waste. Our strategy is, wherever practicable, to first prevent waste, then re-use or recycle, and only as a last resort to dispose of it in a safe and managed way.

We will also work closely with both local and national government law and guidelines in the development of this policy.

Continual improvement will be demonstrated by the setting of quantifiable Objectives and Targets.

In all these areas the Area Executive will take the lead in providing the commitment and focus to ensuring that we remain as best we can focus on the environment and its impact on our organisation.

This includes the provision of the relevant information, training and resources necessary to enable all members whose work has a potential environmental impact to make the maximum contribution to achieving the association's objectives and targets.

This Policy and the list of Action Points attached were adopted by the Area Executive at their meeting of Wednesday 17 March 2011.

R G Evans
Chairman

G Watson
Area Commissioner

Action Points:

We will

Purchasing and Waste Reduction -

- wherever possible, look to purchase products made from recycled materials
- wherever possible, buy reusable, recyclable or refillable products
- avoid using disposable items such as plastic cups, plates and cutlery
- shop locally where possible
- buy eco-friendly cleaning products
- check if there is a fair trade option

Energy and Water Saving -

- switch lights off whenever they are not required
- use energy efficient light bulbs
- use electrical equipment efficiently
- ensure radiators have adjustable radiators
- water saving devices in toilet cisterns
- regularly check for leaky taps, pipes and toilets and repair immediately

Hygiene, Health and Safety -

- enforce a 'no smoking' policy in our buildings
- ensure adequate air circulation

Travel -

- hold meetings only when necessary
- use car sharing where possible

Campsites

- we will adopt a policy of 'Leave No Trace' by
 - planning and preparing for camps in advance
 - dispose of waste water properly
 - leave what we find and remove what we bring
 - minimise campfire impacts
 - respect wildlife
 - be considerate to other visitors