

Water Survival Box Limited

Environmental and Sustainability Policy

Policy Statement

Water Survival Box Limited (“WSB”) are committed to sustainable development, namely meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, as a guiding principle within our work. Concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of this commitment. Our aim is to reduce the impact on the environment from our operations.

Environmental/Sustainability Action Plan

We will assess the environmental impacts of our operations and set objectives and targets in order to improve our environmental performance. We will regularly review these targets.

We will:

1. promote responsibility for the environment within the organisation and communicate and implement this policy at all levels within WSB;
2. reduce the use of energy, water and other resources;
3. minimise waste by reduction, re-use and recycling methods;
4. comply with all relevant environmental legislation/regulation;
5. ensure that our policies and services are developed in a way that is complimentary to this policy;
6. not prioritise funding needs ahead of sustainability requirements;
7. identify and provide appropriate training, advice and information for trustees/volunteers and encourage them to develop new ideas and initiatives;
8. provide appropriate resources to meet the commitments of this policy; and
9. promote and encourage involvement in local environmental initiatives/schemes.

The following detailed Action Plan is available on our intranet site and progress will be monitored through an agenda item at our monthly trustees’ meeting.

Key Actions

- A. Review and document the packaging on all inward goods from suppliers with a view to identifying recyclable and non-recyclable materials utilised. Target: May 2020.
- B. Contact all suppliers to explain our Environmental and Sustainability Policy and seek agreement to reduce/eliminate non-recyclable packaging materials, in particular plastics. Target: November 2020.
- C. All trustee business travel to support the Environmental and Sustainability Policy. Target: Ongoing.
- D. Review content of Water Survival Boxes to determine whether more environmentally friendly items can be used. Target: Ongoing.
- E. Ensure all volunteers at WSB packing sessions are aware of the need to maximise recycling. Target: Ongoing.
- F. Endeavour to source inward goods from the local area, where possible, always having due consideration to whether such suppliers meet the objectives of our Environmental and Sustainability Policy. Target: Ongoing

Potential additional actions

- Consider carbon offsetting on all trustee business travel dependant on outcome of C. above.
- Ensure our landlords are aware of our Environmental and Sustainability Policy. Seek an understanding of their Policy and how we can contribute to support such Policy.
- Keep an awareness of any changes to the Charity Commission Environmental and Sustainability Policy that may impact on our Policy.

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