



Environmental Sustainability Policy (May 2017)

Chiltern Rangers CIC is a social enterprise, delivering innovative solutions and management advice for practical habitat management in the Chilterns and surrounding area whilst developing exciting ways to engage communities through enriching experiences. There is a strong commitment on creating safe, fun, inclusive opportunities for all sections of our community especially young people.

We pride ourselves in doing what is best for our customers, employees and communities whilst taking into consideration social, economic and environmental & sustainability issues.

We will do everything that is reasonably practicable to ensure good governance and achieve our environmental objectives.

Chiltern Rangers are committed to the many principles of Green Infrastructure as part of our work with the Bucks Natural Environment Partnership (NEP) which links our work to the wider landscape as part of the increasingly joined up, strategic future for the natural environment. These strands stand alone and interconnect with each other which is a good reflection of the natural processes they seek to preserve and enhance.

Protection of Biodiversity

- The protection and enhancement of all sites which we help manage, in terms of their habitats and biodiversity by suitable management rationale and practical management techniques in line with national policy & guidance.
- See our Fungi and dead wood policy.

Mitigating Climate Change

- Addressing climate change by minimising the carbon emissions produced during our operations.
- Management of sites to maximise climate change adaptation, resilience and habitat connectivity.
- Improving processes, equipment and materials under its control that have significant negative impacts on the environment

Prevention of Pollution & Conserving Natural Resources inc energy.

- Minimising waste and the usage of natural resources & energy by using replacing, reducing, re-using and recycling methods.
- Using recycled products especially plastic wherever practical.
- By sourcing energy efficient items wherever practical.
- Sourcing Fair Trade, Buy Social or similarly accredited products wherever practical.
- Actively seeking to work with local companies, organisations and individuals to create a thriving local economy and reduce carbon emissions from haulage.
- Actively working with other social enterprises to increase further our impact both environmentally and socially.
- Keeping pesticide/herbicide use to a minimum.



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- The prevention of pollution (air, water & noise) by best practise.
- Providing the training and resources identified as necessary to ensure objectives are met.
- Regularly reviewing & improving the effectiveness, management and performance of our systems, policies and processes.

In order to ensure the success of this policy, Chiltern Rangers will:

- Monitor and review our systems, policies and processes.
- Ensure all relevant information and training (where applicable) is available to all persons working for or on behalf of Chiltern Rangers including key volunteers.
- Actively encourage all staff and volunteers working for or on behalf of Chiltern Rangers to contribute to the success of the E&S systems, policies and processes.

To achieve the above, Chiltern Rangers sets objectives and targets which are reviewed as a minimum at the annual management review meeting, along with this policy.

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