

Voluntary Action Cumbria

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Voluntary Action Cumbria, (The Old Stables, Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0DT) recognise their responsibility to manage the environmental impacts of the charities activities, products and services.

Our main activities comprise facilitating local parish community plans, advising village halls, and providing support to social enterprises and rural business enterprises. Environmental impacts of this involve client visits and use of our office premises. However, possibly our greatest opportunity to reduce environmental impact is to influence the behavior of our clients, by example and by appropriate advice.

In order to promote good environmental practices, the Charities Policy with regard to the environment is as follows: -

1. To identify the significant environmental impacts of activities.
2. To develop suitable objectives, targets and management programmes, applying appropriate operational procedures to minimise significant environmental impacts during normal, abnormal and emergency conditions.
3. To comply with relevant legislation, regulation and other requirements relating to significant environmental impacts.
4. To prevent pollution, minimise our inputs of utilities and resources and the outputs of emissions to the atmosphere, effluents to waters/sewers and wastes to disposal facilities; endeavouring to re-use, recover or recycle materials where practicable.
5. To ensure that environmental responsibilities are defined, communicated and understood at all levels within the charity and provide appropriate training where needed.
6. To ensure that suppliers and contractors understand the Environmental Policy and assist them in developing appropriate systems and a responsible approach with regard to environmental issues.
7. To communicate, co-operate and respond to the views of interested parties, including stakeholders, customers and the general public, on environmental issues, where this is practicable and likely to result in an overall improved environmental performance.
8. To strive for continual improvement in overall environmental performance.