



Environmental Policy

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Environmental Policy Statement

Highcliffe Sailing Club is committed to an environmental policy which recognises the need for environmental & social protection in our water sports and social activities. We aim to achieve this through the following 15 steps:-

1. Consume less, waste less and achieve over time a cumulative net zero impact on land, water, air and biosphere.
2. Raise awareness of the environmental impacts of our activities to the Membership and ensure clear and informative message is provided on all the positive actions that can be taken. This will be done through website, social media, newsletters, noticeboard, training and promotional materials in the Club.
3. Encourage Members to actively engage in these Sustainability initiatives to avoid negative environmental impacts in the future by making Members aware of this policy and the steps they can take to help
4. Implement a clear recycling strategy within the Clubhouse and its activities providing clearly labelled bins. Promote a recycling ethos within the Membership.
5. Identify and implement ways to minimise risks to the environment posed by our operations
6. Where possible we will use reusable/recyclable/ biodegradable/compostable products, and will endeavour to work with the most ethical suppliers to promote environmental sustainability
7. Where possible we will source materials and products locally thereby reducing emissions and positively influence the local economy.
8. The consumption of energy and water, and the creation of waste, will be reduced wherever possible through investment in more efficient technologies and through engaging users with the appropriate use of these resources (e.g. turning lights and electrical equipment off at the end of the day and when not in use and turning off taps). Active energy use will be reduced in favour of more efficient energy use and building insulation.
9. We will ensure our hire equipment & club appliances are regularly maintained and repaired to ensure they have a long life span. Equipment that is still usable but no longer needed will be upcycled, sold or recycled wherever possible.



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10. When new products are to be purchased, their efficiency and energy consumption will be analysed and factored into any decisions made.
11. Renewable energy technology will be installed where appropriate.
12. We will seek low-carbon electricity suppliers in addition to renewable energy technology.
13. We will comply with all applicable environmental legislation and pollution prevention requirements
14. Assigning environmental protection and sustainability efforts, the same priority as other key club matters and providing the necessary resources to meet environmental management targets and objectives
15. Strengthen mutually beneficial links with other harbour stakeholders who also embrace the sustainability ethos for eg. working with neighbouring Christchurch Sailing Club, **Christchurch Harbour and Marine Society (CHAMS) and BCP, especially their Christchurch Bay and Harbour Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Strategy Engagement team.**

Sustainability Team will:

1. Provide support and resources on environmental protection and sustainability
2. Create club initiative, increase awareness, and provide information for Membership and Management
3. Set realistic objectives and targets for environmental performance, and monitor and review performance
4. Identify opportunities to improve environmental and energy use performance
5. identify and address the needs and expectations of interested parties on environmental protection
6. Gather data to support efficacy of actions taken, provide important information for grant applications and promotional