

Environmental Policy



The Forest of Bowland AONB is committed to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area. The AONB Unit wishes to demonstrate its commitment by producing and adhering to an Environmental Policy which will guide our work and enable us all to reduce our impact on this protected area. A symbol of this commitment is our membership of the Green Tourism Business Scheme. The scheme provides accreditation and a framework for tourism businesses to reduce the environmental impact of their activities. By encouraging sustainable practices the scheme ensures the continued enjoyment of the environment around us for future generations.

Our main objectives are to:

1. Save energy

We will aim to reduce our energy usage at our office base at Kettledrum. This will include green housekeeping such as turning off sockets, only partially filling the kettle, and installing energy saving light bulbs. We will also encourage the installation of renewable and low carbon micro generation throughout the AONB, and work with partners to reduce their energy use.

2. Travel wisely

We will work to reduce our business, and travel to work mileage, and monitor this monthly; and we will encourage partners and visitors to reduce the impact of car use on the AONB by encouraging use of public transport, and promoting walking and cycling.

3. Save our resources

We will reduce, re use and recycle wherever we can – reducing our use of paper, both in the office and when producing publications and investing in web based information. We will recycle all our office waste where possible and encourage businesses & partners to do the same.

4. Purchase fairly and locally

We will promote and purchase local produce and fairly traded food; use only eco-friendly cleaning materials; and favour local contractors, suppliers and materials in our work throughout the AONB.

5. Conserve and enhance the AONB

We will continue our commitment to conserving and enhancing the AONB through the delivery of the AONB Management Plan and Business Plan.

We will review the policy every 2 years, and report back on progress annually.

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