

## ABOUT US - OUR SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

We, the Members of Tweed Valley Tourist Consortium, are committed to good environmental practice and aim to reduce the environmental impact of all our business activities.

All members of the Consortium must meet the minimum requirements set by environmental law in the country and also fulfil their legal Duty of Care requirements for waste disposal.

We are committed to continual environmental improvement in our individual businesses and we aim to include & train the staff within our businesses in our environmental programme.

We are committed to achieving our quality objectives by providing services that consistently fulfil and exceed our visitor's requirements and expectations.

We will maintain a respect for natural resources through conservation and material reuse and recovery wherever possible.

We will encourage the responsible use of energy throughout our individual businesses including energy conservation and energy efficiency. To aim to continuously consider safer energy sources and where feasible give preference to renewable over non-renewable energy sources.

We aim to buy environmentally friendly produce and products for use in our individual businesses and to encourage our suppliers to operate good environmental practice and improve their own environmental awareness.

We will aim to make contact with the community and other businesses to encourage additional environmental measures.

We will aim to conserve and encourage the natural flora and fauna for future generations.

We will share good practice with other members of the Consortium and aim to raise good environmental practice to achieve our objective of becoming a sustainable green destination for visitors.

This policy will be adopted and reviewed by the Steering Group. It will be available to members and visitors and reviewed and revised periodically.

Catherine Maxwell Stuart - Chair

Kate Innes – Secretary and Chair of the Green Sub Group

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