

Thirsk and District

Museum Society

Environmental and Sustainability Policy

Thirsk and District Museum Society recognises its environmental and sustainability obligations to its volunteers, visitors and the community both locally and globally, to present and future generations. The Museum understands that its activities impact on society and the environment through the energy and water it uses, the waste it produces, the travel and work patterns it encourages amongst its volunteers and the products it buys.

Thirsk Museum is committed to sustainable development throughout all aspects of its operations and seeks to achieve this by:

1. Implementing the requirements of all relevant sustainability legislation and regulations where possible.
2. Reducing its carbon footprint through prudent use of fossil fuel (through energy conservation, management and efficiency within the building) and to switch to low carbon fuel alternatives, where possible.
3. Managing and reduce water consumption.
4. Communicating its environmental policy to volunteers and to raise their awareness of their own environmental responsibilities and requirements to commit to environmental improvements.
5. Encouraging walking, cycling and the use of public transport as principal means of travel by volunteers on museum business.
6. Reducing waste created and where possible to reuse and recycle before responsible disposal of surplus materials; to use recycled and recyclable materials wherever possible.
7. Using local businesses for supply of services.
8. Using Fair Trade and local suppliers for products such as tea/coffee and refreshments.

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