

Environmental Policy

As a voluntary sector organisation JHASW/CHIDC recognises that it has a responsibility to maintain an environmentally sensitive approach to all the services it delivers.

As a small organisation, the impact JHASW/CHIDC has on wider, global environmental issues is limited. Nevertheless, JHASW/CHIDC will ensure that its activities are designed, wherever possible, to reduce any adverse impact on the environment and to use resources efficiently.

We encourage Trustees, Staff and Volunteers to be familiar with this policy and implement parts of it where practicable and appropriate.

We will use a 'Waste Hierarchy' to identify ways to be more environmentally friendly.

- Eliminate – We will avoid producing waste in the first place.
- Reduce – We will minimise the amount of waste we produce.
- Re-Use – We will use items as many times as possible.
- Recycle – We will recycle what we can only after we have re-used it.
- Dispose – We will dispose of what is left in a responsible way, in line with legal and environmental requirements.

Materials

Wherever possible we will ensure that products and materials purchased to support the organisation's service delivery have been produced in ways which do not harm the environment.

We will buy products manufactured from recycled waste.

We will buy in bulk as it reduces transport costs.

We will buy non-toxic products.

We will create digital versions of leaflets, posters etc. rather than printed versions, except when we need to commercially print large runs to be distributed to outside organisations.

We will make use of e-mail in preference to hard copy mail.

We will discourage the printing of emails and documents.

We will use double sided printing and back-to-back photocopying.

Where possible we will use fair-trade tea and coffee, and other products.

Energy

We will adopt an 'only turn on when using' approach to equipment and ensure lights, computers, printers are switched off when not in use.

Transport

We will encourage the use of public transport where practicable.

We will encourage car-sharing.

Review

From June 2027, this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

This policy was reviewed on: 23 September 2026.

Next review due: June 2027.