



# Nailsworth Town Council Environment Policy

## 1. Commitments

NTC is committed to managing our environmental impacts and identifying and delivering a programme of activities to meet our objectives and deliver continual improvements. It seeks to promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, to minimise pollution, take an active role in educating the public on environmental issues, and lead by example. When developing its strategies and policies NTC will consider the impact of those strategies and policies for the environment and seek to minimise negative effects. The Environment committee has responsibility for the implementation of the policy and will agree environment priorities and targets for recommendation to Full Council. This policy is informed by NTC's Climate Emergency declaration (Minute 2019/057) will be reviewed and updated in response to environmental changes annually. In January 2018 NTC adopted the Ten principles of the Woodland Trust's Tree Charter and manage trees according to the Charter.

NTC recognises that it has many roles:

- Service provider
- Consumer of goods and services
- Land & buildings owner
- Community leader
- Facilitator of health and social well-being networks
- Grant provider
- Equal Opportunities employer

## 2. Objectives

- Support other groups to promote sustainability
- Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment
- Annual inspection of land, trees and hedgerows
- Promote biodiversity
- Minimise the potential environmental impact of any building project
- Make the most efficient use of energy/water within our properties
- Encourage the use of public transport/car sharing/walking & cycling
- Maximise conservation on our land
- Purchase products which are environmentally friendly/sustainable/ethical from local suppliers, where they are available competitively in terms of quality and price
- Raise environmental awareness in staff and volunteer
- Promote recycling in all our buildings and reduce the use of paper
- Provide and maintain composting facilities for our own use at KGV Playing Field
- Encourage hirers of council facilities to conserve energy and minimise waste
- Provide cycle racks and promote green and active travel
- Promote scheme to reduce air pollution



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