

## **The Bamford Community Society**

### **Environmental Policy**

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## 1. General policy statement

The Bamford Community Society Ltd is a registered society under the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Society Act 2014 and is owned by its members, the majority of whom are residents of the village of Bamford. The Society operates from the Anglers Rest site within Bamford village, in the Derbyshire Peak District and delivers various services for the benefit of residents of Bamford, the wider Hope Valley and visitors to the area. The BCS is a socially responsible business committed to commercial success whilst upholding the highest standards with regards to business operations. This policy forms part of those standards of good practice.

The BCS recognises that its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. We aim to reduce our environmental impact and to operate in a responsible manner. We are committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance. Many environmental improvement initiatives also make business sense and are cost-effective.

The BCS is committed to continuous improvement in our environmental performance through:

- Meeting all applicable legislation and regulation
- Seeking ways of conserving energy and improving energy efficiency measures within the building
- Minimising environmental impact in all activities
- Reducing waste
- Recycling

The BCS is also committed to promoting efficient use of materials and resources through:

- Promoting environmental awareness among staff, members and customers
- Working with suppliers to apply environmental standards
- Encouraging the purchase of fresh, local, seasonal food
- Where practicable source goods and services locally to minimise transport impact.

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

The BCS Board of Directors will identify a lead person with responsibility for ensuring that the aims set out in this policy document are observed and monitored, together with taking responsibility for reviewing this policy.

The BCS Environmental lead person may be

- One of the Directors
- The Anglers General Manager
- An environmental specialist or member with a specific interest in environmental issues appointed by the BCS Board of Directors

Our main areas of environmental impact, and the ways in which we will seek to reduce these, are as follows:

### **2.1. Energy and water Use**

The Anglers Rest is an historic building in a conservation zone and as such there are limitations on the external improvements that can be made to reduce energy and water consumption.

An energy and water efficiency audit was undertaken by an external consultant in 2016 and the BCS will seek to implement the recommendations.

When building work is undertaken, we will seek to incorporate energy efficiency measures such as insulation, double glazed windows, lower energy lighting and lower water use appliances.

We will seek to incorporate energy production, such as solar energy into the site.

### **2.2. Waste Materials**

The BCS seeks to continuously improve waste management by reducing waste production, recycling or reusing as appropriate and disposing of waste in an environmentally safe manner.

The site is used for waste paper and cardboard collection by the local school.

We will also explore opportunities to recycle glass, cans and plastic to further reduce waste sent to landfill.

We will explore options for reducing and / or recycling food waste.

### **2.3. Procurement Policy**

Our purchasing policy makes a commitment to sourcing locally where possible, to minimise transport emissions, and seeking suppliers from outside the local area only if a local supplier cannot be found or represents significantly lower value.

When purchasing new/replacement items of equipment, we will seek to purchase energy efficiency equipment.

### **2.4. Travel & Transport**

The BCS seeks to encourage access to The Anglers Rest by low carbon means of transport, having installed a set of bicycle racks, pump and tool station.

Public transport timetables are displayed in The Anglers Rest.

## **2.5. Paper Use**

Whilst the BCS does not use large volumes of paper, we aim to reduce the environmental impact of printing by using recycled paper where possible.