

## EMS101 Environmental Policy Statement

The Royal British Legion recognise that as with any large organisation our work can impact upon the environment. We consume resources, produce waste, use energy, manufacture our iconic poppy, wreaths and goods, buy services and travel extensively as part of our wide ranging role.

This policy sets out our commitment to control and minimise our environmental impact and continue to deliver our positive work in a more sustainable way, playing our part so that future generations can live as we have.

### Environmental Management

The Legion is developing an Environmental Management System. This will ensure that we:

- Comply with all environmental legal requirements
- Develop and uphold procedures to mitigate our key environmental aspects and impacts
- Bring leadership, accountability and regular review to environmental matters
- Ensure that staff, volunteers and all those who engage with us contribute to our success and are empowered to take positive steps to control and reduce our environmental impacts

### Minimising our impact

We recognise that we must continually evolve and improve. Specifically, we commit to:

- **Minimise Waste:** Implementing re-use and recycling wherever we cannot prevent waste in the first place. We will always look to avoid landfill disposal.
- **Reduce Energy Use:** We will better record and analyse our energy consumption, ideally drawing upon smart meter data. This will be regularly reviewed and We will use this information to drive forward energy reduction and spend to save projects where investment can be shown to be a good use of our precious funds.
- **Travel Wisely:** We will consider our travel impact in all that we do. We will travel preferentially by public transport or low carbon travel wherever we practicably can. We will use technology to reduce the need for travel where we can.
- **Create a network of “Environmental Champions”** across The Legion that will support the embedding of the management system and good environmental practice.
- **Minimise our use of paper and where we do you paper we will increase our use of paper / materials using sustainable resources** in (1) Communication materials (2) Packaging used to send goods to our supporters (3) Office goods & stationary.
- **Consider Environmental and Sustainability aspects** in our selection of goods & services, selecting the best environmental option where this can be justified on impact, cost and practicality.



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