

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Charles Dickens Museum is committed to ensuring high standards of operations and practice that are sustainable whilst minimising environmental impact both currently and in the future.

In order to achieve the Museum's goal of environmental sustainability, we will aim to do the following:

- Meet, and where possible exceed, all current and future national and European environmental legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Consider environmental factors in Museum decisions and activities including giving due consideration to energy performance and environmental impact in the design, refurbishment and use of our buildings which also includes temporary exhibitions, activities and events
- Monitor the Museum's use of energy and water – making routine checks of energy meters, using energy efficient lightbulbs, regulating heating and air-conditioning throughout the building via timed temperature controls, and routine monitoring of environmental controls via the Building Management System.
- Ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account when sourcing goods and services for the Museum, shop and café through such methods as: sourcing locally supplied produce wherever possible, sourcing products made in the United Kingdom, using recycled goods where possible, and using cleaning products that are of low risk to people, the environment and to the collection
- Reduce the amount of waste produced by the Museum and recycle all appropriate materials via the appropriate recycling service.
- Ensure that all non-waste items that the Museum can no longer use are offered for re-use using neighbourhood recycling websites or to other institutions.
- Minimise the impact of all associated travel for the Museum through such methods as: utilising public transport wherever possible, hire of low emission vehicles where possible, and limiting high impact and unnecessary travel across all operations.
- Provide ongoing training of staff and volunteers to raise awareness of environmental issues by in-house training, and through the use of shared resources and external training courses.

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