



THE KENNET & AVON CANAL TRUST

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Environmental and Sustainability Policy

In line with their duties under company and charity law, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, the Trustees of The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust ('KACT') have adopted the following policy in respect of environmental and sustainability impacts. The policy applies to all KACT activities, including those carried out by The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust (Enterprise) Ltd.

Introduction and basic principles

1. KACT appreciates the outstanding landscape and scenery through which the Kennet and Avon canal passes, which contain a rich variety of habitats supporting important flora and fauna.
2. KACT recognises that it has a statutory duty to have regard (amongst other matters) to the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment. It is also mindful of the importance attached to environmental and sustainability issues by its staff, volunteers and visitors, the local community and the many organisations and agencies with which it engages.
3. KACT accepts the importance of addressing environmental and sustainability issues within the framework of the Waste Hierarchy:

Eliminate	Reduce	Re-Use	Recycle	Dispose
Avoid producing waste in the first place	Minimise the amount of waste you do produce	Use items as many times, as possible	Recycle what you can only after you have re-used it	Dispose of what's left in a responsible way
Best				Worst

Policy

4. KACT is committed to promoting awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the landscape through which the canal passes, its historic heritage, and the importance of the natural environment. It is also committed to minimising the impact of its own activities on the environment.
5. To achieve this, it will:
 - Actively promote environmental and sustainability awareness both internally and amongst its visitors and suppliers, and with its partners;
 - Undertake the necessary surveys and audits to identify the impact of its operations, and establish relevant monitoring and reporting procedures;
 - Meet or exceed all relevant environmental legislation;
 - Promote Carbon Literacy across all KACT activities;



- Minimise waste by evaluating operations in accordance with the Waste Hierarchy;
- Require Crofton Beam Engines and The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust (Enterprise) Ltd to identify priorities for action and a programme of actions for the next three years, within the affordable financial and manpower resources available, which will be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis; and
- Engage with conservation partners, other stakeholders and agencies to promote positive opportunities to enhance landscape, heritage and nature conservation along the canal.

Review and reporting

6. Trustees will review this policy on an bi-annual basis, and will report on environmental performance annually in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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Responsible Trustee: Chris Bolt

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