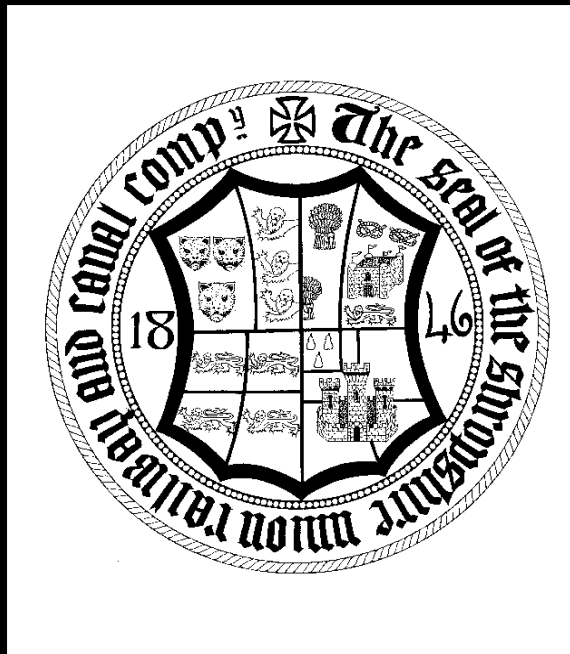




SHROPSHIRE UNION
CANAL SOCIETY



**Environmental
Policy
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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Purpose

The Shropshire Union Canal Society recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. As an environmentally responsible charity we are committed to minimising adverse environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as part of our business strategy and operating methods. We will encourage customers, suppliers and stakeholders to do the same.

Responsibility

The management of the Society has responsibility for ensuring that this environmental policy is implemented, however, all members and volunteers have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of this policy are met.

Policy Aims

We will:

- comply with all relevant environmental regulatory requirements
- continually improve and monitor environmental performance
- continually mitigate all potential environmental risks
- incorporate environmental factors into business decisions
- ensure members and volunteers awareness

In doing this we will:

- Seek guidance from Canal & River Trust to apply the Environmental requirements of their Codes of Practice.
- Liaise with other appropriate environmental agencies such as Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, local wildlife trusts, etc.
- Support local authorities biodiversity action plans.

Strategy

To continually improve and reduce environmental impact we will:

- Meet or exceed all the environmental legislation that relates to the Society.
- Minimise the amount of energy used as much as possible through efficient use of lights, equipment and heating.
- Minimise the amount of fuel used through efficient and optimised operations.
- Minimise waste by evaluating operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible.
- Actively promote recycling both internally and amongst customers and suppliers.
- Only use licenced and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.
- Use materials and chemicals that are as environmentally friendly as possible
- Minimise the use of paper, packaging materials and single use plastics.
- Monitor the biodiversity of the society' worksites and have strategies to protect, enhance and promote the habitats identified.
- Evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase and favour the more environmentally friendly and efficient.
- Minimise the amount of business travel through maximum possible use of e-mail or video/phone conferencing.
- Encourage the adoption of similar principles by our suppliers and contractors.

