



The Nidderdale Plus Partnership Company No 5331403; Registered charity number: 1163998

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Nidderdale Plus Partnership acknowledges that climate change is a real and serious global crisis and recognises that all the activities of individuals and organisations have some impact on the environment. Our aim is to minimise the impact of our own organisation through a programme of continuous improvement.

Specific Aims:

- **Energy:** we will strive to reduce our energy consumption through using a renewable energy company for electricity and maintaining a system of efficient use of heating, lighting and office equipment, ensuring all office equipment is switched off at night.
- **Reduce, Re-use and Recycle:** we will continue to collect and recycle office paper and plastic and seek opportunities for additional recycling of other office products, together with kitchen products.
- **Paperless:** We have an ambition to become paperless as much as is feasible for our organisation. This will be achieved by advancing our adoption of digital solutions wherever possible, for example: accounting software; payment systems; online banking; email usage; file storage; meeting documentation software, etc
- **Transport:** We will endeavour not to undertake unnecessary journeys and use technology instead. We will encourage staff, trustees, volunteers and our partner organisations to car-share whenever possible whilst engaged in activities associated with the organisation. We will strive to influence North Yorkshire County Council to provide us with electric vehicles (EVs)—or hybrids—for our community transport service as soon as the infrastructure exists locally to support EVs.
- **Supporting local businesses:** we will continue to support local businesses in our purchases of products, thus reducing our carbon footprint together with supporting our local economy.
- **Legislation:** we will meet or exceed all applicable regulations to the environment at our office location
- We will encourage the adoption of similar principles by our partners and clients

This policy will be monitored and reviewed by the Board of Trustees on a three-yearly basis, unless matters arise which require an earlier review. A copy will be made available to our partner organisations and will be posted on our website.

Reviewed by the Board: 21 September 2021

Policy to be reviewed every 3 years

