

## Shropshire Wildlife Trust Environmental Policy

Shropshire Wildlife Trust is committed to the adoption of environmentally responsible policies and practices, linking directly from our Mission Statement objective of protecting wildlife and natural places throughout Shropshire. The Trust is committed to ensuring that any of its activities which have negative environmental impacts are minimised, whilst activities with positive impacts are maximised. At the same time all its policies, processes, procedures and activities will comply fully with all environmental legislation. Specifically, we will:

- Maximise biodiversity benefits within all our activities, promoting the use of native and/or local provenance seed and plants where possible.
- Promote reduction in the consumption of all materials whilst encouraging re-use and recycling wherever possible, particularly with respect to paper.
- Minimise our use of vehicle fuel, by sharing cars and using public transport where possible. We will ensure our fleet is serviced to ensure maximum fuel efficiency.
- Manage energy use in all areas of the business.
- Continually strive to prevent pollution, and minimise waste at all times.
- Purchase equipment/stationery and other materials that are either recycled, use recycled materials or can be recycled by an appropriate method.
- Place more of our business with suppliers who minimise the impact of their activities on the environment, particularly those who operate take-back schemes for office equipment and stationery.
- Promote environmental awareness and responsibilities to all Shropshire Wildlife Trust employees, including volunteers and students.
- Strive to continually improve our environmental performance.

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Restoring Marches Mosses BogLIFE Project (LIFE15 NAT/UK/000786)

