

Holywood Shared Town Environmental Statement

Holywood Shared Town (HST) acknowledges the connection between the climate and other environmental crises and the threat of current and future homelessness, disease, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world, as well as the major damage being caused to our natural ecosystems.

It therefore recognises its responsibility to reduce its carbon and environmental footprints and formally commits itself to being an environmentally responsible charity. To guide ourselves towards a sustainable future we have agreed on a set of environmental principles. This Environmental Statement outlines the actions HST will seek to take to reduce its climate and environmental impact, which includes a number of key projects in the Holywood area focusing on positive environmental improvement, increase in biodiversity and climate awareness.

HST expects its Directors to take responsibility for taking forward and implementing this commitment. Progress on improvement of HST's environmental performance will be a standard item for Board review, every 6 months, including improvements through relevant projects and activities.

HST reserves the right to include the existence of appropriate environmental policies and procedures as part of the contractual process and the commissioning of services.

Induction procedures for volunteers will include information on HST's environmental practices. This includes awareness of environmental impact, carbon literacy and biodiversity, where appropriate. This also includes HST Trustees and Board Members.

HST will observe existing environmental and climate legislation as a minimum standard and seek to out-perform current legislative requirements where practical.

HST will seek to reduce unnecessary travel for its Board, volunteers and activity participants and making the transport that is necessary as sustainable as possible.

This environmental policy will be reviewed every three years after its adoption.

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