



# Museum of Abernethy Environmental Sustainability Policy

In this policy the term sustainability includes the natural, built, economic and social environments of the Museum of Abernethy. The Museum recognises its sustainability obligations to its volunteers, visitors, communities and stakeholders – both locally and in the wider area – and to present and succeeding generations.

The Museum of Abernethy commits itself to:

1. Communicate its environmental policy to volunteers and other stakeholders and to raise awareness amongst these groups of their own environmental responsibilities and requirement to commit to environmental improvements.
2. Implement the requirements of all relevant sustainability legislation and regulations where possible.
3. Reduce its carbon footprint through prudent use of fossil fuels (through energy conservation, management and efficiency within buildings) and to switch to low - carbon fuel alternatives, where possible.
4. Manage and reduce water consumption.
5. Encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport as principal means of travel by volunteers on museum business.
6. Reduce waste created and where possible to reuse and recycle before responsible disposal of surplus materials; to use recycled and recyclable materials wherever possible.
7. Use local businesses for supply of services.
8. Use Fair Trade and local suppliers for products such as tea/coffee and refreshments.

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