



# Environmental Policy

## Policy Statement

The Charity Commission encourages all charities to critically assess what they do. Charities have opportunities to champion environmental sustainability and adapt working procedures to make key changes. - Going Green November 2008.

## Aims

We aim for all people connected to our charity to be environmentally aware and conscious. As a small Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), we are committed to making mindful choices to reduce waste. We aim to decrease our carbon footprint and protect people and the planet for future generations. Complying with all relevant laws, regulations and standards.

## Practise

**Premises** – we work collaboratively with our landlords to source environmentally sustainable solutions to both maintain and renovate our 200 year old building. We aspire to introduce environmentally friendly solutions to reduce our carbon footprint.

**Produce** – we grow fresh produce (without the use of pesticides, unless a crop will fail otherwise) to support our weekly Lunch Club and to produce food for our community at our weekly Feed it Back table.

**Feed it Back** – we collect food from local supermarkets that would otherwise go to landfill. We offer this food to our community for donations as part of our Feed it Back table. Any food not taken is given as chicken feed to a local farm.

**Make Do and Mend** - we have a team of volunteers who will mend and repair for our community, rather than throw away and add to landfill.

**Car Scheme** – where possible our volunteer drivers will bring multiple passengers to our activities to reduce CO2 carbon dioxide emissions.

**Recycling** – we recycle our rubbish.

**Power saving** - as we replace electrical items, we seek power saving, energy efficient models.

**Single use items** - where possible we buy in bulk to reduce CO2 carbon dioxide emissions

**Loan scheme** - we loan out crockery, glasses, tables, chairs and mobility aids to reduce consumer buying.

**Environmentally aware** - we actively engage with stakeholders to educate ourselves and share good practice.

**Objectives**

**REJECT** - Avoid producing waste

**REDUCE**- Cutback on the waste produced, reduce energy consumption

**RECYCLE**-Reuse items as many times as possible.

**Our commitments:**

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**Additional Information**

We are members of the Wealden Food Partnership since 2025

We are members of the Community Transport Association since 2020