

Didcot Railway Centre
Home of the Great Western Society
Environmental policy, version 1

Our Vision is to recreate the golden age of the Great Western Railway.

Our Mission is:

- To be a nationally accredited independent organisation
- To develop and maintain Didcot Railway Centre as a working museum dedicated to the Great Western Railway
- To provide suitable facilities to demonstrate restoration and maintenance of the Collection
- To be open to the public for the enjoyment, benefit and education of the community.

Our challenge is to become a more commercially orientated organisation in order to achieve the Vision.

The policy

The Great Western Society has adopted this policy to show its commitment to meeting environmental, social and economic principles of sustainable development. We recognise that in our day-to-day operations we inevitably impact on the environment in a number of ways and we wish to minimise the potentially harmful effects of such activity wherever and whenever possible.

To meet these principles, we will:

- comply with the requirements of environmental legislation and approved codes of practice
- commit to a programme to review our consumption of materials and establish codes to foster economical and environmentally friendly usage
- work towards the improvement of amenities at the Centre for the benefit of visitors, staff and contractors
- encourage visitors, members and staff to come to the Centre either on foot, by bicycle or by public transport
- raise awareness and encourage participation of staff, volunteers and contractors in environmental matters
- purchase environmentally friendly materials when appropriate
- reduce energy usage by increasing energy efficiency
- use raw materials in a manner that reduces waste
- re-use or recycle waste when possible
- aim to reduce our environmental footprint in new developments
- encourage active involvement of people in heritage conservation work
- liaise with the local community and strive to make our facilities relevant and widely inclusive
- contribute to the development of the local Didcot economy

This policy was approved by Council on Tuesday 18th March 2008, following earlier discussions at DMG (Tuesday 19th February 2008). The policy will be monitored and reviewed biennially.

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