

Environmental Policy for Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority



The Park Authority is committed to the improvement of our local and regional environment through the reduction, re-cycling, re-use or sustainable use of the Earth's resources and to encourage and promote the diversity of our wildlife. We undertake to:-

Raise/foster Environmental awareness through

- promoting environmental awareness to visitors
- delivery of environmental education
- encouraging and training staff in the importance of the environment
- the involvement of community and local business in conservation work
- environmental auditing at all Regional Park facilities

Protect and enhance wildlife by

- the monitoring of certain species and habitats of conservation concern within Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park
- the protection and prevention of loss of habitats for wildlife
- actively creating new habitats for wildlife
- undertaking habitat changes gradually/on a small scale so that wildlife can adapt
- the use of local seed stock for planting schemes
- controlling invasive species at Regional Park's facilities
- the sustainable use of woodlands at Park site and in areas of council ownership
- conserving and enhancing the character and quality of the landscape
- promoting green tourism within the Regional Park

Reduction of environmental damage through

- an environmentally friendly purchasing policy for all goods and services to encourage the use of materials from sustainable sources
- replacement of worn out equipment with low pollution alternatives
- the printing of publications on paper from sustainable forests
- the use of environmentally aware contractors
- the re-use of materials where possible eg. building rubble for paths
- the provision of recycling facilities at Park centres
- encouraging and promoting the reduction of litter and dog fouling
- the use of chemicals that are the least damaging to human health and the environment
- use of wood only if it is from sustainably managed forests
- the use of electronic mail at Park facilities and where possible with other business contacts
- minimising the use of natural resources at Park facilities with appropriate green technology and operating systems e.g. energy efficient light bulbs
- recognising the importance of our peat lands for the contribution they make to reducing climate change

To reduce pollution by

- the monitoring of the energy consumption at Regional Park Centres, offices, vehicles and equipment with the objective of reducing consumption
- the regular servicing of vehicles and equipment
- minimising the use of aerosol products and using low harm oils for machinery operations
- using local suppliers and locally produced goods if possible to reduce transport miles
- promoting the use of green transport such as bikes
- encouraging car sharing and the use of public transport
- using environmentally friendly methods of controlling invasive species
- the use, where possible, of renewable energy at Park facilities