



BCC Environmental Policy, June 2026

Our Commitment

Boleskine Community Care acknowledges the climate emergency and the environmental impact of our operations. We are formally committed to being an environmentally responsible charity and minimising our carbon footprint where possible.

Purpose

Whilst seeking to conserve and enhance the environment of Stratherrick & Foyers in our initiatives and projects BCC recognises that our own activities in so doing have the potential to have environmental impacts which we must seek to reduce and minimise.

To do this we will focus on 5 key areas:

1. **Recycling our office waste materials.** We will follow the waste hierarchy: Prevent, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We will minimize paper consumption, print double-sided when necessary, and utilise local recycling facilities.
2. **Encouraging the use of electric or hybrid vehicles,** public transport, cycling and car sharing by volunteers, staff and Board members to minimise our carbon footprint and travel costs. This includes the use of BCC's electric vehicles when not in use by our care staff.
3. **Encourage the use of online meetings** where appropriate to reduce unnecessary business travel and associated environmental impacts.
4. **Energy Usage reduction:** We will implement simple changes to our energy usage to reduce our impact, such as smart controls and LED lighting, improve the insulation of our building and turn off equipment when not in use.
5. **Procurement:** Where practicable, we will source eco-friendly, Fairtrade, and locally produced supplies. We will buy refurbished tech where possible and responsibly dispose of old equipment.
6. **Food waste.** We will run a food larder for our community which focuses on a message of low food waste.

7. Biodiversity and the natural environment. We will protect and enhance existing green spaces and natural habitats wherever possible. We will encourage biodiversity by planting native species, maintaining areas of wild planting and creating spaces that support pollinators, birds and other wildlife. We will avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides wherever possible.

8. Community Engagement. We will raise awareness of environmental issues within our community and encourage volunteers, staff and participants to adopt sustainable practices. We will share practical information, ideas and opportunities that help people make more environmentally friendly choices in their everyday lives.

When we commission and contract work with external suppliers for major project programmes, we require contractors to confirm that they will comply with all relevant environmental legislation when proposing and implementing works. In addition, we include "sustainability" as one of the key specifications on which tenders are invited and assessed by BCC to support the appointment of contractors who deliver work whilst actively considering the environmental sustainability of their practices.

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