



EMS 615 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Commitment

The Marston Vale Trust is an independent charitable Trust that is committed to the environmental regeneration of the Marston Vale through the creation of the Forest of Marston Vale, one of England's twelve Community Forests. The Marston Vale Trust is committed to achieving the highest standards of environmental performance and recognises its corporate responsibility to the environment.

Scope

This policy statement applies to all premises and activities within the control of the Marston Vale Trust and its trading subsidiaries. The documents commit the company to meet all applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which we subscribe and which relate to our environmental aspects.

Statement of Principles

The Marston Vale Trust will, so far as is reasonably practicable:

1. Ensure environmental risks are properly identified, prioritised and managed in an appropriate and timely way.
2. Raise staff awareness of environmental issues and promote individual good practice, providing training as and when appropriate.
3. Provide the framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets, to reduce any environmental impact of its activities at an early stage and adopt these changes where appropriate.
4. Establish sound environmental management policies and promote best practice.
5. Ensure compliance with environmental legislation and best practice.
6. Manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable and economically feasible, by making efficient and environmentally responsible use of energy and water and exploiting opportunities to improve efficiency.
7. Work to reduce environmental impact and reduce or, where practicable prevent pollution
8. Work to minimise waste production by developing effective waste management and recycling procedures. We will strive not to create, emit or discharge any type of pollutant or waste.
9. Our environmental management system will enable us to manage our environmental aspects more effectively, on a 'day-to-day' basis and an 'on-going' basis thereby complimenting our commitment to continual improvement in all our business activities.
10. Work with key suppliers to promote environmentally responsible procurement of goods and services.
11. Schedule and carry out environmental management reviews and audits to identify opportunities for improvement and implement changes as appropriate.
12. Recognise the legitimate interest that all its stakeholders, including customers, visitors, stakeholders and employees have in its environmental performance and communicate openly within the organisation and to the outside community.
13. Ensure that all woodlands owned and/or managed by the Trust accord with the UK Forestry Standard as the reference standard for sustainable forest management in the UK.

Signed:

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Nick Webb
Chief Executive of Marston Vale Trust