

Introduction

For the purposes of this policy 'sustainability' is a process of ensuring the club uses resources within a framework in which environmental, social and economic factors are integrated and balanced. Concern for the environment is an integral and fundamental part of this commitment. Our aim is to reduce the impact on the environment from club activities and events as well as take action to improve the environment.

Aims

Our overall aim is to pursue a coherent, consistent and achievable policy on sustainability issues throughout the club and encourage members to play an active role.

Commitment

Club activities

We will:

- Promote car-sharing, public transport, walking and cycling to and from club activities
- Promote environmental awareness to members, such as the importance of sticking to public rights of way to minimize path erosion and damage to biodiversity
- Promote awareness of running safely amongst wildlife including farm animals
- We have a no litter dropping policy and where safe to do so, we encourage members to pick up others litter and dispose of it safely
- Encourage members to reduce waste on runs e.g. using refillable bottles
- Commit to reducing waste at club events particularly social events
- Organise club kit swaps/donations to recycling charities
- Consider sustainability when developing club activities and events
- Ensure that we pursue a policy of best practice in our procurement, including hiring rather than buying equipment which will not be used regularly or buying used rather than new equipment, local purchasing, supporting companies with a strong sustainability policy and the use of environmentally friendly products, where possible
- Develop connections with local community groups and support local events and charities which have a sustainability focus

Racing and external events

We will:

- Promote and support local events
- Promote events which have a strong commitment to sustainability