

Environmental Policy

The Forestry Commission's mission is to protect and expand Britain's forests and woodlands and increase their value to society and the environment. We deliver the distinct forestry policies of England, Scotland and Wales through specific objectives drawn from the country forestry strategies and support Government-led initiatives in reducing the impacts of climate change. We will encourage best environmental practice in managing our woodland estate and through all our business activities. Specifically we will:

1. Comply with relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
2. Adopt and maintain the UK Woodlands Assurance Standard.
3. Implement ISO14001 Environmental Management System in all parts of our business.
4. Monitor and reduce our consumption of energy and water.
5. Reduce our production of waste and promote recycling and recovery.
6. Reduce our business travel and promote alternative means of communication.
7. Reduce our use of harmful materials, and prevent pollution.
8. Where practical, buy goods and services from sustainable sources and encourage our suppliers and contractors to improve their environmental performance.
9. Promote environmental awareness in our staff and stakeholders through the development of training and communications programmes.
10. Monitor and review progress against internal and Government targets and pursue continuous improvement through audits and management reviews.

We will review this policy each year and update if we need to. We will publish it on the Forestry Commission website and display it in all Forestry Commission offices and workshops.



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