



## THE BUCHANAN TRUST

<b>Policy Name</b>	Environment & Sustainability Policy
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<b>Signed</b>  <b>Name/Position</b>	  Helen Thomas, Chair
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This policy is intended to ensure the Trust's compliance with all relevant legislation and best practice. The Policy is applicable to all Trustees, staff and volunteers of the Trust.

We are committed to the sustainable development - (meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs) - as a guiding principle within the Trust's work. Concern for the environmental, societal, cultural and economic well-being of the Trust, its beneficiaries, staff, volunteers and Trustees as well as within and for our local area is an integral and fundamental part of this commitment.

Our aim is to reduce any negative impacts from our activities and ensure that all interventions made are by the Trust are positive and are sustainable for the longer term.

We commit to:

- considering the environment and sustainability in our decision making and in line with our charitable purpose.
- complying with all relevant environmental legislation/regulation promoting responsibility for the environment within the Trust and through its activity.
- complying with all relevant legislation/regulation promoting responsibility for sustainability within the Trust and through its activity
- reducing the use of energy, water and other resources for the benefit of the Trust and our beneficiaries.

- minimise waste by reduction, re-use and recycling methods.
- ensure that our policies, services and activities are developed in a way that is complimentary to this policy
- Seeking expert and independent advice and guidance when required and in accordance with statutory and legal stipulations and requirements.
- promote and support involvement in local or national initiatives/schemes that support environment, societal, cultural and economic well-being in line with our charitable purpose and for the benefit of those we support.

We aspire to continuously improve our work under this policy and will produce a separate action plan to assess, collate, monitor, report on and improve our commitments to the environment and sustainability in and through the Trust's services and activities.