



# The Friends of Chain Bridge Forge

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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## 1.0 Policy

The Friends of Chain Bridge Forge are committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the environment.

The Directors will ensure that the environmental priorities, are integrated into the decisions to takes on its services and will seek to the following:

1. Blacksmithing Techniques. – The forge uses fossil fuels in its operation which it recognises to be counter to global warming. The Forge are actively developing alternative solutions in it's working practices to minimise our footprint. This approach also extends to our manufacturing techniques and scrap recycling.
2. Make the most efficient use of energy. It will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. It will from time to time review its energy sources, forms and efficiency with a view to causing least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excess or unnecessary use.
3. Minimize and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution. This is an ambition but the use of fossil fuels and cutting discs creates dust. Spoil from the discs and hearth is recycled. Our ambition is to stop burning fossil fuels.
4. Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of in the purest condition possible, thus meeting statutory requirements. The Directors will eliminate excessive or unnecessary use of water. It will communicate to users the means by which water may be conserved.
5. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will do this by re-using and recycling materials as far as possible. If this is impractical, disposal by a means that will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements.
6. The Directors will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, were possible, the use of building materials from sustainable sources, methods of construction which make the best use of resources and designs which result in low maintenance and efficiency. It will communicate to users the means by which the building may be used and operated correctly, to conserve energy and minimise waste.
7. Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising the user awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community.
8. It will seek, where possible, to purchase goods and services from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximize input to the local community and minimise transport.
9. Protect the health and well-being of all users of the Forge.
10. Improve and safeguard the quality of the Forge

11. Visitors to the Forge will be encourage to minimise their use of resources and rework where practical. Often the Forge is asked to repair items belonging to the community and in so doing this minimise our footprint.

The Directors will monitor, review and where possible improve the performance each year with positive actions on areas of non-compliance.

Note:

The current building was designed and built in the 1700's and this does not lend itself to efficient use of energy. In fact the building open design was created to remove heat and minimise the threat of gas and dust therefore it has a very open structure. These are not the attributes of modern building. So are planning to create an eco friendly workshop which is more sustainable employing dust extraction and employing solar energy to generate electricity.

The openness of the building also precludes the measurements of environmental parameters as this has shown to be impractical.