



WWT Environmental Statement

The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) is a conservation charity that runs wetland centres and other wetland sites in the UK and undertakes conservation projects in the UK and abroad. Our vision is a world where healthy wetland nature thrives and enriches lives.

In delivering our positive conservation outcomes, we recognise that we have some adverse impacts on the environment. Our main environmental impacts relate to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from travel and site energy use, together with resource consumption, waste management, land management practices and pollution risks to water.

WWT is committed to minimising our negative environmental impacts, to ensuring continuous improvement in our environmental and social performance and to incorporating sustainable ways of working throughout the organisation. We aim to embed sustainability in to everything that we do.

We will:

- Comply with environmental legislation and relevant codes of practice.
- Measure, regularly review and report on our environmental performance.
- Set targets and objectives to reduce our significant environmental impacts.
- Invest in projects that bring environmental and financial savings.
- Improve water efficiency and apply practical solutions to water management to benefit wetlands.
- Mitigate the carbon emissions from our site energy use and business travel.
- Adapt our building and operations to a changing climate.
- Reduce pollution risks, resource consumption and waste generation.
- Conserve and enhance biodiversity on land that we own or manage.
- Develop a purchasing policy that encourages positive environmental and social practices and work with our suppliers to deliver this.
- Manage our investments in a manner that demonstrates a positive approach to Environment, Social and Governance (ESG).
- Champion sustainability through our activities and projects and seek to inspire and inform others to act, particularly around impacts on wetlands and wetland biodiversity.
- Develop an Environmental Management System (EMS) that meets the requirements of the Green Dragon standard.
- Raise awareness of environmental issues amongst staff and volunteers and encourage individuals to adopt sustainable behaviours.

By reducing our environmental impacts, particularly around energy and water use, we can help mitigate climate change and its adverse impacts on wetlands and the species and communities they support.

This statement has been endorsed by WWT's Management Board and Council. Responsibility for its implementation lies with the Management Board, supported by the Sustainability Manager and Sustainability Committee, in association with Senior Managers, staff and volunteers.

Peter Day
Chairman of Council

Martin Spray CBE
Chief Executive

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