



## **AWOL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE Environmental Policy Statement**

We recognise our responsibility to manage the environmental impacts of our business activities. We have assessed our activities and have identified that our significant environmental aspects/impacts include: heating and lighting of the premises; heating of water, food and drinks procurement; washing up and cleaning; waste disposal; laundry; procurement of furnishings; maintenance and repairs; transport.

**In order to promote good environmental practices, our Policy is as follows:**

1. To continue to identify the environmental impacts of our activities.
2. To develop suitable objectives to minimise our significant environmental impacts at all times.
3. To comply with relevant legislation, regulation and other requirements relating to our environmental impacts.
4. To prevent pollution, minimise our inputs of utilities and resources and the outputs of emissions to the atmosphere, effluents to waters/sewers and wastes to disposal facilities – endeavouring to re-use, recover or recycle materials where practicable.
5. To communicate, co-operate and respond to the views of interested parties, including guests, suppliers and the general public, on environmental issues where this is practicable and likely to result in an overall improved environmental performance.
6. To strive for continual improvement in our overall environmental

**All staff responsible for the following;**

- Ensure all light switches are turned off when not in use.
- Ensure all water taps are turned off when not in use & report any leaks or damage to taps and hoses.
- Litter bins are emptied when full.
- Conduct a litter patrol after every group has left.
- Ensure the entrance and roads leading to the centre are free from litter.
- Report any findings of pollution.
- Employ the "Leave No Trace" policies.



## Our Eco Objectives

The main aim for this development was to create a comfortable eco-friendly tourism business to enable customers & tourists to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of The Blackwater Valley, to strive to be carbon neutral, and to support the local community.

## Our Aims for the Business Include:

### **Minimise Impact**

To minimise the negative consequences of tourism on the environment through the use of recyclable and renewable resources, and through taking great care with all types of waste generated on site.

### **Build environmental awareness**

To educate both tourists and customers of the local community in the importance of respecting the local environment and eco-systems, and to provide examples of eco-friendly systems and techniques not currently used in the area.

### **Provide direct financial benefits for conservation**

To help fund environmental protection, research and education and to support conservation works. We have dedicated a 2 acre field for wildlife and bird habitation with the use of traditional plants, flora & fauna.

### **Provide financial benefits and empowerment to the local community**

Including providing support and education, as well as providing direct employment for local people.

### **Respect local culture**

To help educate customers about traditional folk lore, storytelling and social norms.

### **Customer Satisfaction**

To ensure our customers thoroughly enjoy their time while visiting our centre and exploring the local area. Also to afford our guests opportunities to meet and learn about the local community and to provide insights through information and excellent guides into the diversity of flora and fauna within the Blackwater Region.