



Making holidays accessible

Environmental Policy

Lyneal Trust recognises the natural environment of our location at Lyneal Wharf alongside the Llangollen Canal. The canal's connecting waterways are an essential component of our offerings of trips and holidays both on the canals and besides it. Lyneal Trust is committed to look after and improve the natural environment of our site at Lyneal Wharf and the canals our boats use as the quality of the environment and access to wildlife are some of the many reasons why people chose to take holidays and trips with the Trust.

The Trust feels strongly about its impact on the Llangollen Canal waterway and is trying to be as careful as it can. There are areas the Trust can improve on and is working on them.

The Trust will make this policy available to trustees, volunteers, contactors, RYA course participants, guests and visitors.

The Trust has agreed specific environmental aims covering the following key areas: recycling, energy efficiency, water efficiency, hazardous substances, building, and communication.

Recycling

The Trust aims to recycle as much as possible to save natural resources, reduce landfill, save energy, road miles and the costs of disposal.

Although recycling facilities are not currently offered at The Wharf, the Trust encourages guests on the boats to use recycling facilities when passing them on the canal.

The general waste collected from the site is not checked for recyclable materials however it is processed at an energy recovery facility where the waste is processed to be used to create energy

The Trust composts as much garden waste as possible. Leaf compost is used to mulching the gardens around the Wharf.

All unclaimed lost property is donated to other charitable organizations.

Energy efficiency, conservation and management

The Trust aims to reduce energy consumption in all activities by more efficient programming and control of the heating systems. Guests are asked to minimize all heating requirements, be conscious of water usage and wastage, and by only using the minimum of outside lighting. The Trust will gradually change appliances and fittings to low energy use options.

Guests are encouraged to conserve water and minimise energy use by turning off televisions, lights and radiators when not needed. Where ever possible energy efficient LED light bulbs are used and automatic timers. The heating systems are thermostatically controlled and regulated according to property occupancy. The Cottages are double glazed and insulated.

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Management of water resources

The Trust aims to minimise use of water across all activities even in times of plenty to save money and energy spent on purifying water and reduce pressure on water abstraction.

Guests are encouraged to understand their actions in the management of water whilst staying i.e. dripping taps, showers, washing up etc. Rainwater is collected in butts in the gardens.

Hazardous substances and pesticides

The Trust uses a Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) system as part of the Health and Safety Management System. This ensures the correct use and disposal of substances by evaluating their use, storage and disposal, implements controls and reduces/removes risks both to people's health and the health of the environment.

Cleaning staff use environmentally friendly janitorial products wherever possible.

Wherever we can we use the most environmentally available approach to resolving problems at the wharf, cottages and aboard the boats.

The Trust believes in early treatment of any garden pests in order to minimise all pesticide and herbicide at the Wharf.

Built, landscape and wildlife features

The Trust aims to carry out any construction projects in a sensitive and sustainable way. All building works on the Wharf is carried out using local labour.

The Trust manages its landscape and wildlife features at the Wharf as sensitively as possible and create new features and habitats as appropriate to provide for long term habitats and landscape continuity of local, distinctive character.

Communication of environmental principles to guests and others.

The Trust aims to raise awareness of sustainable tourism issues to trustees, volunteers, contractors, guests and fellow tourist operators, and to promote local opportunities for green tourism.

Guests' information packs include environmental literature and guests are encouraged to shop local and help reduce waste and energy consumption during their stay.