

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Many actions by humans are having a major impact on the environment, habitat destruction, pollution and pressures of growing populations are leading to many problems such as deforestation, flooding and the extinction of many species.

Everyone at the Heads of Ayr Farm Park believes that it is important to protect the environment as damage will have a detrimental effect on those who visit our Park and all the animals that live here. All our actions impact the environment and therefore it is important we minimize these effects whenever possible in order to protect and enhance the world we live in.

In order to make our policy work we will try our best to meet the following criteria:

- We will try our best to find new and improved ways to reduce our environmental impact.
- We will continue to be aware of the need to preserve a healthy environment, through looking at all of our past, current and any future operations and assessing their environmental impact with a view to improve on any areas we are able to.
- We will aim to communicate this policy and the Parks environmental performance to staff, customers, suppliers and the public, and all employees will be encouraged to be proactive in the maintenance and further development of our environmental policy.
- Continue to invest in energy saving projects and consider renewable and other activities to reduce our energy consumption and carbon footprint, our biomass boiler, reed bed and air source heat pump used in the Heads of Ayr Nursery are great contributions towards our green efforts here at the Park, as well as the new solar panels placed around the park.
- Make efforts to reduce our waste through discussion with suppliers, investigate recycling and composting and avoid non-biodegradable plastics where possible. We will also aim to use local suppliers whenever possible.
- We will highlight the importance of nature conservation through education, and particularly aim this towards our younger visitors.
- We will try our best to conserve and enhance biodiversity wherever practicable or required, through efficient and effective practices.
- As a communicator of knowledge about the animal life of the world and about threats to nature, we will increase interest in and understanding of the world of animals.
- In order to adhere to the requirements of our zoo license we breed some of our animals, a number of the animals we breed are endangered or threatened species.

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure we are complying and to help us continuously improve our environmental performance.