
Environmental Policy

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1 Policy Statement	<p>This document is the British Horse Society's policy for the Environment (Including British Riding Clubs?)</p> <p><i>The primary aim of this policy is to action continuous improvement in sustaining, protecting, and enhancing the environment and reduce our environmental impact, through our external stakeholders and our activities, in line with our Strategic Plan 2025-2027.</i></p>	
2 Policy Audience	All employees, volunteers and any external parties to the BHS.	
3 Review Programme	Next review date is March 2026 Policy will be reviewed and approved by the Policy Review Group	

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Signed By:	
Signature:	
Date:	

1. Context

The British Horse Society recognises that managing the environmental impact of its operations is essential. It is committed to minimising its environmental impact and continually improving its environmental performance as an integral element of its Strategic Plan 2025-2027. We acknowledge that, as a major provider of services and advice to the equestrian community, our activities and operations will inevitably have an impact on the environment either directly or indirectly (through our stakeholders).

In an advisory capacity, we will aim to provide up to date, relevant guidance and encourage our stakeholders to minimise their own environmental impact.

As a minimum, the Society shall comply with legislation, regulations and standards. The Society shall also endeavour to follow best practice with due regard for its charitable aims and the expectations of all interested parties. As a member body of the BEF, the Society is committed to a united vision for the environmental sustainability of equestrianism, as set out in the British Equestrian: Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2024).

2. Policy Statement

1. Emissions and discharges of all pollutants to air, land and water will be minimised
2. All incidents detrimental to the environment are reported, investigated and action taken to prevent reoccurrence.
3. Set and monitor key targets and objectives for managing environmental impact through the creation of a Carbon Reduction Plan.
4. The Carbon Reduction Plan will be reviewed, and progress will be reported annually.
5. Training is provided as part of employee and volunteer development.
6. Efforts are made to limit travel where practical and maximise technology.
7. A circular economy will be embedded into procurement and waste management
8. Biodiversity will be protected and enhanced in all outdoor spaces under the control of the Society
9. We will support external stakeholders to make positive changes and achieve their own environmental objectives.
10. we will make this policy publicly available.
11. We will recognise and encourage good practice within the industry.

The Senior Management Team and Board of Trustees are committed to continually improving the Society's performance by regularly reviewing its environmental impacts, and on an annual basis, update this policy in line with the review findings. The leadership team will be responsible for communicating and implementing this Policy.

This Environmental Policy has been signed off by:

Position: Chief Executive Officer Date: 5th March 2025

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