

3.1 Requirements


The South Tynedale Railway is committed to providing a quality service in a matter that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our volunteers and minimises our negative impact on the environment. We will operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and we will strive to implement pollution prevention and environmental best practices.

3.2 Arrangements

In pursuit of this policy STRPS will:

- Integrate consideration of environmental impact into all of our decision making and activities.
- Promote environmental awareness among our volunteers and encourage them to work in an environmentally reasonable manner. For example firemen will be trained to fire steam locomotives in a way that minimises smoke emissions.
- Train, educate and inform our volunteers about environmental issues that may affect their work.
- Reduce waste through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled products and materials where these products are available, economical and suitable.
- Promote efficient use of materials and resources throughout including water, electricity, raw materials and other resources particularly those that are non renewable.
- Avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products and seek substitutions where feasible.
- Take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of.
- Purchase and use environmentally responsible products accordingly.
- Where required by legislation or where significant health, safety or environmental hazards exist, develop and maintain appropriate emergency and spill response programmes.
- Provide environmental green areas and corridors to encourage wildlife on the railway.
- Communicate our environmental commitment to clients, customers (the public) and encourage them to support it.

In addition we will strive to continually improve our environmental performance and minimise the environmental impact of activities by periodically reviewing our environmental policy in light of our current and planned future activities.

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3.3 Applicable Legislation

Environment Act 2021

3.4 References

Rail Environment Policy Statement – Department for Transport July 2021
Decarbonisation and Heritage Railways – University of Birmingham

3.5 Documentation

Project Authorisation and Management of Change processes
STRPS Board and sub group minutes