



SUSTAINABILITY NOTICE

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About this notice

The Friends of Barnes Common takes its role as an environmental and educational charity seriously. Its aim is to be as sustainable as possible in all aspects of operations: environmental, community and financial.

Within the environmental context, consideration is given to materials used, both capital and operational; the energy consumed; water used; emissions; the re-use of materials; recycling; reducing waste; supply chains and the use of chemicals.

In the context of community, local sources, suppliers, and responsible producers (fairtrade, organic) are actively sought. A responsible attitude is imbedded throughout our education, growing and conservation work. Walking, cycling, scooters and use of public transport to visit any of our sites is encouraged in preference to cars.

In the financial context, the aim is to ensure Operations are as efficient, transparent, and robust as possible, offer good value to stakeholders, and that expenditure is covered by income, be it from grants, donations or revenues generated.

Constraints and Opportunities

Some of our aspirations are constrained by affordability and availability of practical alternatives. In many cases, particularly with large conservation equipment, change is only cost and energy effective when an item reaches its end of life.

Conversely, new projects are a particularly good time to address the highest possible standards of sustainability, and that is our aim with The Vine Road Project: in construction materials, energy efficiency, natural insulation, rainwater harvesting and use, re-use of materials and minimising transport both during construction and in operation.