

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council
Environmental Policy

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council recognises that its operations and activities have an impact on the environment. LFPC also recognises its duty to conserve biodiversity set out by Section 40 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. LFPC takes its duty seriously and pledges to work to minimise any adverse impacts and maximise positive impact on the environment.

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's objectives are to:

1. Ensure we and all our contractors are aware of and comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations
2. Prevent pollution within our Parish
3. Commit to continuous improvement of the Parish's environment
4. Use water, energy and other natural resources in an efficient manner and commit to become Carbon Neutral as by 2030.
5. Protect and enhance the environment on Parish Council land and support residents to consider biodiversity in their actions
6. Minimise waste and reuse or recycle all waste where appropriate
7. Consider sustainability within the neighbourhood plan and consider supporting planning applications that prioritise sustainability
8. Encourage the use of sustainable transport
9. Use non-toxic products on Parish Council land and buildings
10. Work with suppliers and contractors that have an environmental policy that meets best practice and are, where possible, a local business to support the local economy and reduce travel requirements
11. Raise awareness and provide training to employees and councillors on environmental issues

In order for the Parish Council to achieve these aims, an Environment Action plan will be produced and annually reviewed to ensure that the Parish Council is accountable for its actions.

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