

Environmental Policy Statement

The Miniature Pony Centre is a farm-based visitor attraction situated within the beautiful Dartmoor National Park. Our vision is that the Miniature Pony Centre provides a quality, free-range opportunity for visitors to see and touch a wide variety of smaller “domesticated” animals, in particular ponies, donkeys, sheep, goats and other smaller animals. The animals are “housed” in barns, stables, enclosures and paddocks all within the 20 acre site. The extensive grounds also contain picnic areas, walks, ponds and wildlife areas, and indoor and outdoor adventure playgrounds. There is also a restaurant and gift shop.

Protection of the environment in which we live and operate is part of The Miniature Pony Centre’s values and principles and we consider it to be sound business practice. Care for the environment is one of our key responsibilities and an important part of the way in which we do business.

In this policy statement we commit our company to:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and approved codes of practice;
- Protecting the environment by striving to prevent and minimise our contribution to pollution of land, air, and water;
- Seeking to keep wastage to a minimum and maximise the efficient use of materials and resources;
- Managing and disposing of all waste in a responsible manner;
- Providing training for our staff so that we all work in accordance with this policy and within an environmentally aware culture,
- Regularly communicating our environmental performance to our employees and other significant stakeholders;
- Developing our management processes to ensure that environmental factors are considered during planning and implementation;
- Monitoring and continuously improving our environmental performance.

We also recognise the importance and benefit of “green” and “green business” schemes, including:

- Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS). We were graded Silver in August 2008, but by adhering to its guidelines, and to accepting and applying its recommendations, we aim to improve from Silver to Gold at the next assessment.
- Dartmoor First. A new scheme launched in 2009 to recognize commitment to sustaining Dartmoor and its special qualities. We aim to apply for accreditation in the first quarter of 2009.

The policy statement will be regularly reviewed and update as necessary. The management team endorses these policy statements and is fully committed to their implementation.

It is intended that this policy will be implemented within the framework of an environmental management system designed to meet the requirements of BS EN ISO 14001 by 30th June 2010 by using the BS 8555 phased approach to implementation.

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