

# BUTSER EDUCATION CIC

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## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Butser ancient farm is dedicated to managing and educating in an environmentally conscious manner. We aim recognise if there are any possibilities that our daily activities could potentially have an impact on the environment. We remain conscious of this and strive towards an environmentally healthier outcome for each action we take in regards to purchase of materials and equipment, disposal, water management and energy consumption. We raise awareness, inform and encourage our staff and visitors to make eco conscious decisions and inspire them to learn from our ancestors in the ways that would have ensured their resources remained sustainable for future generations.

Butser Ancient Farm aims to consider the ecological effects of all its activities. Specific objectives include:

- Reducing energy consumption through using energy efficient lighting, heating and equipment wherever practicable.
- Incorporating energy efficiency measures into present buildings and any new building designs.
- Reducing the amount of waste disposed of to landfill through re-use, repair and recycling.
- Disposing of products which cannot be recycled, reused or repaired in the most environmentally responsible manner possible.
- Introducing biodegradable packaging to our shop with an aim to abolish single use plastics.
- Ensuring that our events and workshops are environmentally friendly, encouraging the use of natural materials and biodegradable products.
- Reducing water usage through the re-use of some of the wastewater produced.
- Improving water usage through the use of a reed bed filtration system, enabling the water to be returned to the environment.
- Integrating environmental factors into buying decisions, including taking account of environmental costs and benefits as part of total life cost assessment.
- Ensuring sensitive management of the land surrounding the Farm to increase biodiversity.
- Recognising the importance of environmental protection through compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
- Encouraging good environmental practice among visitors, staff and volunteers through awareness of the above.

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