

OUTDOOR ALTERNATIVE: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

INTRODUCTION & COMMITMENT

Outdoor Alternative is an established business providing residential accommodation to groups utilising the outdoors in and around Rhoscolyn. Outdoor Alternative has two accommodation buildings with a total of 36 beds and a private campsite. The accommodation is utilised year round by groups on a self-catering and catered basis.

There is great scope for many types of outdoor recreation in Rhoscolyn, but the special environment brings special responsibilities for those who participate, and enjoy this environment.

Outdoor Alternative is committed to minimising the environmental impact of the business, to protecting the local environment, preventing pollution, and to educating users of the Centre in the practice of environmental sustainability.

Outdoor Alternative will set targets for the reduction / control of environmental impacts and will regularly monitor and review key environmental impact indicators.

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests collectively with the Management Team.

1. ACCESS

1.1 We will ensure that our customers are aware that:

1.1.1 All land is owned by someone, and that they should seek the permission of the landowner.

1.1.2 Consideration should be shown to landowners, residents and other users in parking, and the setting up of equipment- e.g., always keeping gateways and slipways clear.

1.1.3 Footpaths and coastal pathways should be used, whenever practical to do so, on foot.

2. SAFETY & CONSIDERATION

2.1 We will ensure our activities do not spoil the enjoyment of, or risk harming others.

3. CONSERVATION

3.1 Many sites, plants and animals are protected by law and are fragile or vulnerable to disturbance. We will not pick or uproot plants, will avoid disturbance or damage and will manage our groups accordingly.

3.2 We will encourage groups/colleagues/students to respect and enjoy the special character of Rhoscolyn and its surrounding environment and to use the Country Code.

3.3 We will always attempt to leave a site cleaner than we found it.

4. EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

4.1 As well as teach clients how to undertake an activity, we will try to instil a respect for others and for the coast and countryside of Anglesey.

4.2 Outdoor Alternative will maintain contact with other bodies such as the Anglesey Waste Forum to share and encourage best practice.

5. ENERGY USE

5.1 There is a direct relationship between energy use and the well-being of the environment. We will seek ways of minimising energy use and encourage groups to be aware of their use of energy and to minimise it where possible. (e.g., we have installed low energy light bulbs throughout the buildings.)

5.2 We have a policy/practice of recycling all the materials we are able. We encourage groups to separate glass, drinking cans and newspapers. We will encourage groups to separate and compost vegetable waste.

6. WATER USE

6.1 We are committed to developing and maintaining a comprehensive water saving programme. This will reduce costs and enable us to make a positive contribution towards enhancing the environment.

7. IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

7.1 We will ensure that all staff are aware of this policy and develop an awareness of how each member of staff can contribute to the policy.

7.2 We will make customers aware of the policy and encourage them to support us in minimising energy use, recycling and composting.

7.3 We will monitor our energy use and set targets for the reduction / control of energy use.

7.4 We will monitor environmental legislation on a 6 monthly basis and take action to update our practices as appropriate.