

Environmental Policy

At TVS we are committed to limiting the environmental impact of our work. Through both individual and collective efforts to change our ways of working, all our people at every level of the organisation play their part in reducing the resources we consume to help mitigate climate change and its adverse impact on children and their communities.

A report will be made annually at the Annual General Meeting on progress made on the matters listed below, including any statistical information,

§ Energy carbon footprint

§ Electricity use

§ Water use

§ Transport fuel

§ Total waste production

§ % of waste recycled

§ Total paper consumption

§ % Recycled paper

§ Any other relevant environmental criteria.

1. This annual environmental report will be presented at the same meeting as the annual accounts.
2. TVS's Annual Report will include a summary of this annual environmental audit of the charity. This will include travel costs incurred by Trustees.
3. Progress on improvement of TVS's environmental performance will be a standard item at Board meetings.
4. Any staff contracts will include a clause stating that staff will be expected to help TVS's in carrying out its aim of being an environmentally responsible organisation, in how they carry out their day-to-day duties.
5. Induction procedures for new staff will include information on TVS's environmental practices.
6. The Board and staff will ask all our current and future suppliers for their environmental policies and for evidence of implementation of such policies and indicate that such performance will be used as criteria for supplier selection.
7. The Board will seek to have relevant environmental clauses included in any future contracts agreed with outside bodies.
8. The Board will include environmental responsibility training in any future staff training programmes, especially for those involved in providing advice to vulnerable clients.
9. The Board will observe existing environmental legislation as a minimum standard and seek to out-perform current legislative requirements where practical.
10. The Board will develop and maintain a sustainable transport policy for their staff, seeking to reduce unnecessary travel and making the transport that is necessary as sustainable as possible and will monitor progress annually.

This policy statement was approved by Margaret Kiloh, Chair of Trustees, in June 2024 and is due for review in June 2026. The TVS Board of Trustees is responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy.