

WELSH BOWLS UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Statement of Intent

Welsh Bowls Umpires Association (WBUA) recognise the existence and importance of climate change and accept that our activities as an organisation may have a negative environmental impact. In writing this policy, we commit to reviewing our impact and doing all we can to reduce our carbon footprint and waste generation. We also recognise the importance of encouraging sustainable practices for Officers and members, and our responsibility in educating those we work with. This policy outlines our commitments to achieve greater sustainability, and the steps we will take to mitigate our environmental impact.

We recognise that our operations result in emissions to air and water, and the generation of waste. It is our aim to comply with legislation and other requirements, continue to reduce the environmental impacts of our Association and operate in an environmentally responsible manner. This policy describes how we will achieve our aim.

Communication

The Officers of WBUA will communicate to members and volunteers their commitment to safety and to ensure that members and volunteers are familiar with the contents of this policy. This will form part of the induction process upon becoming a member of WBUA and will be conducted by the Chairman or their approved representative.

This environmental sustainability policy is available on our website, and all members will receive a copy of the policy and will be informed of any updates or revisions via email.

Objectives

- Undertake an environmental sustainability audit of our operations and action any recommendations.
- Develop a plan based upon the audit findings to manage and further develop environmental sustainability.
- To provide all members and volunteers with environmental sustainability awareness training.
- To make efficient use of natural resources by conserving energy and water, minimising waste and recycle where possible.
- To meet our duty of care requirements in relation to waste by ensuring the safe keeping, transportation and subsequent recovery or disposal of waste.
- To keep transport use to a minimum and encourage shared transport arrangements where appropriate.

- Recycle paper, cardboard, plastic and glass waste generated to further reduce waste as much as possible.
- Reduce paper usage by increasing the use of email and electronic documentation.
- Meeting when appropriate shall be convened remotely via Zoom, Teams etc.

Senior Level Support and Implementation.

This policy has been formally agreed and adopted by WBUA members.

This policy will be available for our Officers, members, volunteers and the public to read and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

WBUA welcomes feedback from National Governing Bodies, Clubs and members on our Environmental Sustainability Policy via our Secretary

Policy implementation date January 2026, review date January 2027.