

ENVIRONMENTAL & ETHICAL POLICY



- 🌿 Green Hat is constantly working to reduce carbon emissions & our ecological footprint
- 🌿 Green Hat is initiating a local environmental project rather than planting trees on the other side of the world
- 🌿 We are members of the Greenbox Eco Tourism Project
- 🌿 Fiona is our Eco Champion!

Here's what we do....

Reduce

- Milk for tea brought in daily so we don't have to run a fridge
- Heating on timers
- No electrical equipment left on stand-by when we're out
- Lights only on if natural light insufficient
- About 95% of our business communication is electronic
- Bank statements electronic only where possible & through our HSBC Green Account we have a tree in their virtual forest - <https://virtualforest.hsbc.co.uk>
- Water saver in toilet cistern
- Use of public transport & car sharing wherever possible
- Regular working from home
- Office cleaning products are biodegradable &/or eco-friendly
- Tea, coffee, soups, biscuits & other yummy stuff are organic & Fair Trade where possible
- Green Hat van has low emissions & fuel consumption (although yes it runs on devil diesel)
- Photocopying is done double-sided wherever possible
- Fast boil kettle
- Use of 'real' towels in the bathroom & 'real' cups in the kitchen
- Refill printer ink cartridges
- Carbon offset business & personal flights
- Business & personal participants in Earth Hour 2008

Reuse

- All used office paper again for internal use
- Files, folders, envelopes - whatever we can!

Recycle

- Office paper is 100% recycled & we're working on the rest of our stationery (most up to at least 80%)
- We use recycled map envelopes
- Our headed paper, comp slips, business cards & brochure are printed on 100% post-consumer waste recycled chlorine-free paper with vegetable ink
- Office paper used on both sides is shredded & composted
- Cans, bottles, cardboard & paper recycled through local authority schemes
- Printer ink cartridges & old mobile phones recycled

Best environmental practice says that carbon neutrality is not possible if you are burning any kind of fossil fuels, to include the use of diesel / petrol cars. As we are based in a rural area with poor public transport, we will never be able to achieve a best practice carbon neutral status, as we will always have to use a car. By other definitions, we are currently carbon neutral.