

Sustainability & Carbon Reduction

STATEMENT

With the Park being within an area of outstanding natural beauty and our mobile activities traveling to all four corners of the UK, we take our sustainability and carbon usage seriously. As a business, we're committed to doing all we can, from striving to adhere to environmental practices and promoting sustainable and inclusive processes to supporting local companies and partnering with ethical, sustainable suppliers.

It is our collective responsibility, whether as corporate entities or individual people, to do all that we can to reduce our impact on our local and the wider, global environment.

We're keen to introduce and promote as many energy-saving initiatives as possible. The Park is a 4.5-acre site, so this does provide a number of issues and restrictions to consider that can add challenges in our quest to become sustainably efficient – but we're taking steps to motivate more greener thinking, behaviours and actions both within our local community and across the wider climbing industry.

It is the policy of the 270 Climbing to reduce its environmental impact wherever practical. Reducing our carbon measures form an essential element of our strategy to do this, helping us to refine our various processes and operations as well as reducing the amount of any potential harmful emissions to land, water, and/or air.

We recognise our services may have a direct or indirect effect on the local and / or regional environment. We are committed to reducing any harm that this may cause. Our carbon footprint policy is to continually look at ways in which we can improve our green and sustainable credentials. Our sustainability policy and carbon reduction strategy is aligned with our current codes of practice on waste and environment protection.

This Policy Statement underpins all existing policies already implemented throughout 270 Climbing.

GOVERNANCE

During the development of 270 Climbing Park, we have made, or are making, various improvements to the site introducing installing various systems and processes to help improve the conditions of the local landscape and its vista. This includes:

- Regenerated a run-down brownfield site into a new, vibrant facility for people of all ages to enjoy adventurous activities inside and outside in the open air.
- Installing drainage systems to improve water attenuation and limit the risk of flooding.
- Improved bio-diversity – we've made the site more attractive to wildlife with areas of green open space and planting more trees and plants than were here originally and creating new additional wildflower and natural habitat areas (we know a lot more about crested newts than we ever thought we would!).
- Reduced hard-standing and concrete areas by over a third.
- Softened architecture of buildings to fit in within the environment.
- Installed bike racks to encourage non-motorised transport visits.
- Working with local council and tourist organisations to educate visitors on the appropriate ways of enjoying alternative open-space sites and special areas of conservation in the local vicinity.

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- Working with our local community (neighbours and nearby residents) to reduce any negative impact the park may have on the local area such as roads and noise - for instance 270 has less vehicle traffic than the sites previous use, and though any noise is minimal for local residents, we limit our operating hours to ensure we don't become an early-bird or late-night nuisance.
- Seek to meet or better, all current energy conservation requirements, environmental standards and legislation targets
- Ensure that all areas of our business whether in the park or mobile activities, adhere to current environmental standards and energy conservation requirements
- Reduce waste and minimise the use of wasteful materials and processes at every opportunity
- Promote recycling and the use of recycled products at any given opportunity to help reduce the burden on landfill
- Repair or re-use items rather than throw away wherever we can
- Monitor the efficiency of energy throughout the business and ensure it is not wasted (e.g. installing low-energy lighting and thermostatic radiators throughout all areas and buildings)
- Integrate environmental issues into all aspects of decision-making processes
- Adhere to our sustainable sourcing procurement policies
- Supply internal recycle bins for office paper and recyclable materials
- Recycle old computers and electrical equipment responsibly
- Evaluate energy efficiency and carbon reducing equipment and vehicles throughout the business
- Where possible, source materials from suppliers who are geologically local to us to reduce road traffic, road traffic costs and carbon emissions.
- Purchase our energy from suppliers who re-invest in renewable energy sources
- Promote online/telephone meetings as a means of reducing travel requirements
- Grant members of staff to home-working wherever practical
- Review and develop our Driving Policy (including vehicles with fuel efficiency and CO² emissions in mind, mileage reduction planning, vehicle sharing to name a few!)

We have a set of sustainability and carbon reduction objectives, which we are formulating programmes with net zero ambitions by 2035. These include:

- Reduce our carbon emissions and produce as much of our own energy as possible
- Minimise our use of mains water throughout the park
- Reduce the environmental impact of transport associated with the business.
- Regulate the environment within buildings (temperature, ventilation and lighting) with the least amount of energy
- Install electric vehicle charging points
- Encourage customers and staff to reduce their own personal environmental impacts such as car share schemes.
- Source supplies from companies with environmental standards that match ours.
- Send as little waste as possible to landfill
- Eradicate the use of toxic and environmentally unfriendly substances throughout our cleaning, maintenance and development processes.

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