



Darganfod Hen Dai Cymreig

Discovering Old Welsh Houses

Environmental Policy and Statement

Discovering Old Welsh Houses (hereinafter called DOWH) is a voluntary organisation with no paid employees and no offices.

Environmental policy

DOWH acknowledges its role and responsibility for the protection and enhancement of the environment. Through our commitment to sustainability, we recognise that action at a local level will bring global benefits through preserving the environment and its resources for future generations.

We will review our services to ensure that:

- * adverse impacts are managed, minimised or eliminated.
- * our activities continue to comply with environmental legislation and regulations.

In order to achieve these aims the following steps on environmental management will be implemented. This policy will include our response to the following environmental issues as far as they are within DOWH's control.

1. **Waste Management:** Reduce, reuse or recycle wastes whilst ensuring the safe storage, handling, transportation and disposal of all wastes arising from our activities.
2. **Pollution Control:** Implement measures to reduce the impact of releases to air, water or land which are the consequence of our activities.
3. **Energy and Resource Management:** Implement measures for energy and resource management based on monitoring usage, energy efficient design, conservation, and awareness.
4. **Purchasing:** Promote sustainability criteria as a basis for purchasing decisions. Select suppliers and contractors based on an evaluation of their attitudes to environmental issues. Cooperate with suppliers to encourage improvement in environmental performance.

Environmental Policy Statement

1. This statement applies to all activities within the control of Discovering Old Welsh Houses Group (hereinafter called DOWH).
2. DOWH is committed to the conservation and improvement of the environment and to minimising the environmental impacts [of the risks] arising from its activities.
3. DOWH will manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable.
4. In order to achieve this aim DOWH has the following key objectives:
 - a. to promote sound environmental management policies where appropriate
 - b. as a minimum, to comply with the requirements of relevant legislation;
 - c. to make efficient and environmentally responsible use of energy and water;
 - d. to promote environmentally responsible procurement of goods and services;
 - e. to minimise waste production as far as is practicable, to reuse or recycle waste where appropriate;
 - f. to reduce and, where practicable, prevent pollution;
 - g. to raise awareness of members of DOWH of environmental impact, activities and performance and to promote individual good practice.
5. Whilst DOWH accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, individuals have a very important role in co-operating with those responsible for safeguarding the environment. Individuals are required to abide by rules and requirements made under the authority of this policy.

This policy provides the means to set and revise objectives and targets for environmental performance and is subject to review annually.

This policy and statement were

approved by the Trustees on 24 May 2022

Chairman



Change Record

Date of Change:	Changed By:	Comments:

DOWH does not provide practical advice on planning or repair and conservation but there is useful information to be found on the internet. Some of the most valuable links are given below:

- ❖ The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) is the best first port of call for traditional building dating from before c. 1750. <https://www.spab.org.uk> gets you to the society's 'Knowledge Base'. Good advice is available there on energy efficiency in old buildings (including loft insulation) along with handy guides on renders, rainwater fittings, repointing, traditional materials and suchlike.
- ❖ Although DOWH's focus is on houses dating from before the mid eighteenth century, most of these will have been remodelled and extended later. The Georgian Group and the Victorian Society have advice notes on things like period fireplaces, sash and casement windows and interior decoration. For Georgian features visit <https://georgiangroup.org.uk/advice-leaflets/> and for Victorian features <https://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/advice> .
- ❖ 'Understanding Listing' <https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/historic-assets/listed-buildings/understanding-listing#section-introduction>
- ❖ 'Renewable energy and your historic building' https://cadw.gov.wales/sites/default/files/2019-05/Micro_gen_booklet_EN.pdf
- ❖ 'Small Rural Dwellings in Wales – Care and Conservation' https://cadw.gov.wales/sites/default/files/2019-05/Small_Rural_Dwellings_EN_CY.pdf
- ❖ 'Traditional Agricultural Buildings in Wales' https://cadw.gov.wales/sites/default/files/2019-05/Traditional_Agricultural_Buildings_EN_CY.pdf
- ❖ 'Historic Assets of Special Local Interest' (Local lists) <https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/historic-assets/other-historic-assets/historic-assets-special-local-interest>