National Navigation Award Scheme (NNAS)

Sustainability & Environmental Policy

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The National Navigation Award Scheme is passionate about empowering people to navigate and explore the paths, trails, hills and mountains of Britain in a sustainable way.

This policy is intended for all NNAS trustees, staff, providers and participants to follow as much as is reasonably possible.

TRAVEL

1. Promote the use of public transport wherever possible to reduce our carbon footprint.
2. Use locations with good public transport links as much as possible.
3. Plan NNAS courses and events to reduce travel time as much as possible throughout the year, e.g. plan walks in similar locations on consecutive days to reduce travel.
4. Choose locations that do not require the use of a car once the event has started.

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

1. Work closely with local businesses and communities so that participants have the opportunity to stay, eat and drink locally, and contribute to the local economy in shops, cafes and other businesses.
2. Use villages with a good variety of accommodation, facilities and public transport links.
3. Promote accommodation options for NNAS courses, to encourage people to stay overnight.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Tread lightly and carefully as the countryside, hills, moors and mountains are fragile landscapes that support rare wildlife.
2. Pick up litter that we see. Carry everything out with us that we brought in, including all biodegradable waste.
3. Take people to quieter areas to reduce our impact on busier routes.
4. Use a variety of venues and locations to avoid over-use.
5. Inform, educate and inspire participants about nature and the environment.
6. Educate, discuss and inform people about our environmental impact and climate change.
7. Educate, discuss and inform people about how we can all reduce our impact on the environment.

RECYCLE

1. Maintain and repair our outdoor clothing and kit to make it last longer.
2. Recycle as much as possible.
3. Educate our clients about using re-usable plastic water bottles, rather than single-use water bottles.

Leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but memories, kill nothing but time

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