



**ROYSTON
CAVE**

Environmental Policy

Royston Cave has felt first-hand the effect that climate change has, as water ingress and periods of flooding in the cave have increased in recent years. We therefore recognise the importance of playing one's part in reducing the impact of climate change.

We are committed to a more environmentally-friendly and sustainable future, and pledge to mitigate the impact that our operations have on the environment. We hope to set a good example of sustainability within our local community.

We are proud that Royston Cave's current energy consumption is already low, with minimal electricity consumption, little-to-no paper usage and successful recycling initiatives. However, we understand that more can and needs to be done.

This policy outlines our environmental aims and highlights the actions we will take to achieve them.

Our aims

- To build environmental considerations and sustainability into everyday practise.
- To minimise energy consumption, environmental pollution and waste in our activities.

Our actions

To achieve our aims we will take the following actions:

1. Monitor waste generation and recycling rates, minimise waste and improve levels of re-use and recycling across all operations.
2. Minimise material consumption and give full consideration to the impact on the environment before purchasing goods or entering into new projects.
3. Monitor and reduce energy consumption and replace outdated electrical equipment with more energy efficient alternatives. If possible, donate old electrical equipment to charity organisations to reduce e-waste.
4. Consider the environmental impact of energy use and disposal of materials and goods.
5. Source local suppliers and contractors, where possible, to support the local economy and reduce travel pollution.



6. Encourage suppliers and contractors to develop and supply environmentally preferable goods and services and ensure suppliers and contractors observe good environmental practice when working with Royston Cave.
7. Encourage visitors to arrive via public transport or shared private transport to reduce travel pollution.
8. Only use recycled or recyclable material, and sustainable inks, in the production of necessary printed material such as tourist leaflets and guide brochures.
9. Go fully paperless where possible, or minimise paper use where not, and provide digital copies of all documents as alternatives.

You can read Royston Town Council's wider Environmental Policy at www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk.

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