



The
Quadrangle
Trust

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THE QUADRANGLE TRUST ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Caring for the environment and minimising our use of non-renewable energy are priorities. Please be aware and considerate of this and help us reduce our carbon footprint. Reduce, reuse, recycle wherever and whenever possible.

Energy

- Hot water and heating are provided by an Atag boiler fuelled by LPG and 4 solar thermal panels
- There are 8 photo voltaic panels making electricity which is fed into the National Grid
- Half an acre of coppice woodland supplies about half of our need for wood for three wood burning stoves and camping bonfires
- We use energy saving light bulbs throughout the Quadrangle
- Please be mindful of your energy use at all times

Recycling

- We recycle as much as we can. Please put all material to be recycled in bags in the bins under the Granary. Please take all glass jars and bottles to a bottle bank.
- Food waste goes onto the compost heap in the garden.

Transport

- There is limited parking at the Quadrangle. Please walk, bicycle or use public transport if possible. We are a 15-minute walk from Shoreham station.
- If you are coming to the Quadrangle for an event please check with us for possible car sharing.

Food

- We would like to encourage visitors to buy local food and to shop in small independent shops.
- We can give information on local veg box schemes.

Water

- We harvest water from the barn roofs for the pond and for use in the forest garden.
- We have installed water efficient toilets and showers
- We aim to build a compost toilet

Land use and wildlife

- We know that a large part of the pleasure of being at the Quadrangle comes from the feeling of being in the countryside and close to 'nature'. We want to conserve these qualities by protecting and enhancing the habitats of the field, the hedgerows, the garden and the river.
- As we develop the forest garden with a diverse community of plants, we hope it will become rich in insect, bat and bird life
- We use no peat or artificial fertilizers for growing vegetables or in the forest garden.

Activities/Workshops

- We use the Quadrangle in many ways: for music, film and drama workshops, for the teaching of permaculture and general gardening, for yoga and meditation retreats and as a place for young people to visit who don't have easy access to the countryside.

This policy is reviewed annually, and progress is reported back to the trustees.

Deborah Wolton
Trustee
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