



## **Nottingham Casuals Rugby Football Club**

### **Sustainability Statement**

This document formalises our commitment to supporting the principles of environmental sustainability and recognises that a sustainable environment is central to our lives and our work.

Nottingham Casuals RFC (the Club) is committed to managing its activities to promote environmental sustainability, conserve and enhance our natural resources, prevent environmental pollution and bring about continual improvement in our environmental performance.

The aim of this statement is to integrate a philosophy of environmental sustainability into all the organisation's activities and to establish and promote sound environmental practice in our operations. We will achieve this by:

1. Informing stakeholders of our commitment to the environment and sustainability.
2. Supporting the implementation of environmental actions within our organisation.
3. Monitoring the progress of those environmental actions.
4. Communicating the outcome of those environmental actions to relevant stakeholders.

Nottingham Casuals RFC respects our relationship with the natural environment and its ecosystems. We acknowledge the adverse impacts that human activity can impose and take actions to prevent degradation of those natural systems. We acknowledge the specific impacts of our organisation on the natural environment, and our responsibility to ensure a natural environment that is sustainable.

The Club commits to the following principles and practices:

1. Monitoring and managing our environmental performance and working towards targets set to reduce adverse impacts.
2. Reducing the consumption of natural resources in daily operations, including water, paper and energy.
3. Maximising the recycling of resources.
4. Disposing of all waste appropriately, and minimising waste sent to non-recyclable disposal sites.

5. Committing to the principles of preventing pollution to the environment and continual improvement in our environmental management.
6. Minimising pollution by taking steps to limit carbon emissions resulting from travel.
7. Where possible, encouraging suppliers to meet the highest standards of environmental performance.

Nottingham Casuals RFC commits to increasing opportunities for nature to thrive on the assets we own, lease or manage. This includes land, water and air which we have a financial interest in, own, lease, or otherwise manage.

We are committed to biodiversity and will work to ensure our actions on the assets we own or manage do not have a detrimental impact on the natural environment and will support biodiversity.

We will achieve this by:

1. Protecting and enhancing the quality and extent of the natural environment in the assets we own, lease or manage.
2. Supporting the conservation of trees, hedgerows and other aspects of the natural environment.
3. Managing our assets and those adjacent, such as public rights of way,, playing fields and verges, in a manner that protects and increases biodiversity.
4. Introducing environmental growth opportunities and activities wherever we can on our assets.
5. Banning the use of balloons, sky lanterns, inefficient outdoor heating ,and other materials and activities which could have a detrimental impact on the natural environment.
6. Phasing out the use of chemicals and pesticides on the assets we own, lease or manage.

We encourage the efficient use of water on all assets we own, lease or manage.

We will ensure users of our buildings are aware of how to reduce the use of water, and reuse water wherever possible.

We encourage visitors to take public transport, cycle or walk to the club wherever possible.

We support and encourage the use of electric and other ultra-low emissions vehicles.

Nottingham Casuals RFC commits to keeping waste to an absolute minimum by preventing, reusing, recycling or recovering waste wherever possible. We will ensure waste is sorted, stored and disposed of properly and in a sustainable manner.

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We aspire to be a zero-waste organisation. We will achieve this by:

1. Phasing out the use of single-use plastics.
2. Recycling 100% of recyclable material.
3. Reducing the use of non-recyclable material and offsetting where this is not possible.
4. Promoting and encourage recycling by all users.
5. Using recyclable, compostable and/or recycled products on our premises.
6. Reducing the production of non-recyclable resources such as laminated or plastic based publicity material.
7. Minimise the amount of printing and the amount of wastepaper.
8. Using electronic communication as our primary method of communication.
9. Minimising pollution and preventing it wherever possible, including light, noise, solids, liquids and chemicals.
10. Promoting the use of composting for organic waste.

The use of electricity and gas is a key contributor to greenhouse gas emissions; however, our organisation cannot function without energy. Therefore, energy is one of the clearest and most important ways to reduce our overall emissions and is a key part of our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint.

To accomplish a reduction in emissions from energy use, we will:

1. Undertake an energy audit.
2. Produce a plan to reduce our energy usage.
3. Produce a plan to switch to 100% renewable energy procurement.
4. Investigate how wind and solar energy can be used on our assets.

We will establish a sustainability steering group to drive involvement and stewardship of sustainability across the organisation.