



Wimborne History Festival Limited

Environmental Policy

"The best motto ... is not to **waste** things. "Don't **waste** electricity, don't **waste** paper, don't **waste** food – live the way you want to live, but just don't **waste**." Sir David Attenborough 19 Oct 2019

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1 Overview

Wimborne History Festival Limited (WHFL) delivers a biennial History Festival in Wimborne and provides support for other festivals in the area (Wimborne Green Festival and Sting in the Tale a festival of stories).

As a part of its responsibility to the Wimborne environment this policy sets out the Festivals' priorities to respect and reduce the impact our events have on the local environment, wildlife and pollution.

2 Oversight Responsibility

The WHFL Board commit to the following environmental objectives to:

- Reduce littering behaviour
- Reduce waste
- Create awareness about the impact of littering and single use plastic
- Instil pride in Wimborne's environment and endeavour to reduce impact on its environment from our Festival's events.

Wimborne Minster was awarded 'Plastic Free Community' status in 2018 by Surfers Against Sewage.

WHFL Ltd will endeavour to work alongside all town partners to work with them and to play a part to keep Wimborne's status as a Plastic Free community.

A representative from the Board will attend the bi-annual Plastic Free Community Steering Group run by Wimborne War on Waste (<https://www.wimborne.info/war-on-waste>) who carry out ongoing reviews of environmental actions and partnership working.



3 WHF Ltd Environmental pledges:

- Each Festival Committee will strive to leave their Wimborne Festival sites as they found it after their event and make all efforts to reduce any environmental impact;
- To promote and remind festival goers to bring their own reusable cups, bottles and bags;
- To ban the use of glitter, balloons and Chinese lanterns at all our events;
- To encourage the local community to walk or cycle to our events in Wimborne;
- To strive to provide a dedicated Festival cycle park;
- To highlight and inform visitors about all cycle park points in town;
- To encourage visitors to our events to use public transport;
- To strive to provide out of town parking wherever possible;
- To make available alternatives to single use plastics at WHFL events;
- To provide information about how individuals, contractors & partners can reduce waste and make changes at our events using 'Less Plastic's information: <https://www.lessplastic.org.uk/infographics/>
- To rethink WHFL practices and to encourage visitors, traders, volunteers, re-enactors, artists and contractors to rethink their practices through the supply of relevant information and advice linked to:
 - using less plastic and banning the use of polystyrene take away food products;
 - providing a water refill map to signpost visitors to Wimborne water refill points;
 - providing a coffee refill map signposting visitors to cafes offering discounts if they bring their own cup;
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 - taking rubbish and recycling products home with you;
 - reduce littering;
 - positioning of bins;
 - use of fastenings for banners and posters (not single use cable ties)
 - to strive to produce reusable materials where possible ie PVC banners
 - encouraging the use and purchase of Fair Trade products
 - raising awareness of Wimborne's 2-minute litter pick boards (outside Wimborne Library and the Minster)
- Our procurement process will include a scoring matrix during the commission of stall holders, catering stands, and contractors on their commitment to protecting the environment and the reduction of waste.

4 Document Controls

4.1 Change Log

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4.2 Anticipated Changes

Additional changes will be required as the review process progresses.

4.3 Circulation List

WHFL Directors/Members

4.4 Change Control

All changes to be directed to the author.