

## Environmental Policy

The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, PLC has a statutory duty to ensure, in so far as is reasonably practicable, that the impact of its operations and activities on the environment is kept to a minimum; without impacting safety or the safe operation of trains.

It is therefore Company Policy as far as is reasonably practicable to:

1. Manage the environmental impact of railway operations, so long as safety is not prejudiced.
2. Follow suitable procedures for the safe handling, storage and transportation of chemicals and hazardous materials within all areas used by the Company.
3. Maintain an awareness of environmental responsibility and encourage an acceptance of individual responsibility among members, visitors and contractors.
4. Ensure that plant, equipment and vehicles operate with minimum impact on the environment, taking into consideration age and standards applicable at the time of their design.
5. Limit risks of fire caused by the use of heritage rolling stock and both steam & diesel locomotives.
6. Manage the line-side vegetation such as to minimise the risk of unintentional fire, maintain safe lines of sight at crossings and to preserve the integrity of embankments and cuttings.
7. Ensure that all vegetation clearance is done with proper regard to environmental risk assessments (which shall include observation of bird nesting seasons, bat corridors, tree protection orders and protection of endangered species).
8. Provide all staff with the information required to ensure that hazardous substances are effectively managed.
9. Obtain expert advice on any item that is outside the knowledge and experience of Company staff.

This policy is displayed on station notice boards and departmental notice boards and available on HOPS.

Approved by the Board on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014



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