

British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Environmental Policy

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Statement

The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust recognises its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment and Trustees, management and staff are committed to continuous improvement of our sustainable environmental performance.

The Trust is also committed to managing and reducing running costs to ensure its long-term sustainability and resilience and to maintain cash flow and that by operating its business in an environmentally sustainable manner can assist in this goal.

BMIHT also recognises increased levels of expectations from visitors and corporate clients to ensure that the environmental impact and carbon footprint of its operations is managed and reduced wherever possible.

Policy Aims

- To comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulatory requirements.
- Continually monitor and improve environmental performances across all operations.
- Reduce environmental impacts in energy, water use, waste generation, travel and procurement.
- Implement an environmental action plan to track and record progress.
- Collaborate with external bodies (e.g. Green Tourism, Greengage EcoSmart) to raise environmental awareness and better understand our environmental impacts.
- Engage employees and volunteers in our sustainability journey.
- Achieve net zero carbon operations through targeted initiatives and long-term planning.

Our Environmental Commitments

Energy: The Trust will continue to work to reduce all energy consumption throughout the site with LED lighting, optimised building management system, use of efficient chiller plant and low energy consumption ovens and refrigeration equipment. Green electricity generated from the adjacent solar farm will continue to be supplied to the site. Ongoing investigation of other environmental initiatives including low carbon and renewable technologies that may help to reduce our carbon footprint.

Water: We will continue to reduce the amount of water used which is assisted by the installation of waterless urinals, dual flush cisterns in washrooms, sensor taps, plumbed in water dispensers and the provision of an in-house water bottling plant for filtered still and sparkling water utilising reusable glass bottles removing transportation and waste.

Waste: We will continue to work to minimise waste generated by our activities as far as possible, maintaining levels of recycling, reuse and recovery and will continue to operate on a zero waste to landfill basis. In addition, all food waste will continue to be disposed of via an anaerobic digestion facility which generates electricity and crop feed. Green waste will be composted off site and used cooking oils will be sent for biofuel production.

Travel: Due to the rural location of the museum, public transport is limited, so most people arrive by car. For those with an electric car, EV charging is available for all visitors, staff and volunteers. Business travel for staff and volunteers is minimal, but wherever possible the use of public transport is encouraged for longer journeys to reduce carbon emissions. We survey visitor travel patterns to help identify further opportunities for emission reductions. In addition, the Conference business has partnered with Tree-V to offer conference bookers the opportunity to carbon offset or capture their event.

Procurement: The Trust will work to ensure that the procurement of all goods and services is undertaken in as environmentally sensitive manner as possible with suppliers who share our environmental values, utilising local suppliers wherever possible. Continue to purchase seasonal and local produce via our catering procurement process.

Exhibitions & Displays: Care will be taken to ensure that new exhibitions and displays are environmentally sustainable and where possible previous exhibition displays will be repurposed to minimise waste and maximise the recycle potential. We will aim to develop more collaborative exhibitions where resources are shared by more than one organisation. Utilise our technical collections to educate visitors on the environmental impacts of motoring and travel.

Paper & Media: Wherever possible, the use of paper will be minimised, reused or recycled, printed materials such as publicity leaflet and other copy will always be produced on 'FSC' paper from responsible sources and where relevant electronic media will be used to reduce paper consumption.

Employee Engagement: The implementation of an Environmental Team of staff and volunteers across the organisation has been established and encourages greater participation in energy conservation and recycling initiatives and improves communication within the Museum and Conference Centre operations. This team will be responsible for implementing an environmental action plan to track and record the progress of initiatives implemented.

Compliance: The Trust will continue to comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

Continuing improvement

- Understand and monitor scope 1 & 2 carbon emissions and commencing monitoring our scope 3 emissions enabling targets to be set.
- Review energy metering to identify usage patterns and justify efficiency measures to improve energy performance.
- Hold regular Environmental team meetings to increase employee awareness and encourage suggestions of energy saving/carbon reduction initiatives.
- Identify all business areas where savings and improvements can be made by engaging all employees.
- Communicate energy saving achievements to encourage continued involvement and commitment from all employees.
- Maintain and improve relevant environmental accreditation standards.

Responsibilities and Review

The Head of Operations is responsible for implementing and maintaining this policy. All employees, volunteers and contractors share responsibility for meeting its aims and objectives.

This policy will be reviewed annually and presented to the Board for approval to ensure it remains effective, relevant and aligned with our commitment to environmental sustainability.