



Kandersteg
International
Scout Centre

Environmental Policy

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1. Vision

By following the goals below, Kandersteg International Scout Centre will take a leading role in creating an environmentally sustainable society.

Through these goals, we hope to create an economically viable, ecologically motivated, and socially accepted, sustainable Centre.

2. Goals

- Ensure all staff are environmentally aware in their actions.
- Encourage staff and guests to use environmentally friendly methods of transport.
- Encourage and educate guests to take action for a better environment.
- Use renewable energy wherever possible.
- Use resources efficiently.
- Minimise waste production – reduce, reuse, repair and recycle.
- Maintain and expand the natural biodiversity of our grounds.
- Take into account the environmental impact of any major changes to the property.
- Use the most environmentally friendly products and resources wherever possible.
- Work with other partners around the world to share environmental knowledge.

3. Action Points for Goals

3.1. Ensure all Staff are environmental aware in their actions

- Ensure ecological issues are in as many training sessions as possible, where relevant.
- Continuously improve training sessions like 'KISC & the Environment'.

3.2. Encourage Staff and Guests to use environmentally friendly methods of transport

- Provide Bikes for all Staff with contracts longer than 3 Months
- Provide Bikes for all low season STS (Spring, Autumn and Winter).
- Promote Guests to use public trains and busses instead of renting a coach.
- Promote Guests to use the village bus to get around the village.

- If sensible, all work journeys should be made by bike, e.g. cycling to bank / train station.

3.3. Encourage and educate guests to take action for a better environment

- Provide a range of guided and unguided activities relating to the environment.
- Promote the use of the eco room as a place to learn about the environment.
- Provide opportunities all around our property to learn facts and information, as easily as possible.

3.4. Use renewable energy wherever possible.

- Use the renewable sources around Kandersteg International Scout Centre to power, run and maintain the Centre.

3.5. Use resources efficiently.

- Monitor, minimise and efficiently use water, electricity, oil, wood petrol and diesel.
- Use cleaning products as efficiently as possible.

3.6. Minimise waste production – reduce, reuse, repair and recycle

- Improve the information given to guests about recycling.
- Continuously aim to reduce the amount of food being thrown away.
- Aim to repair machinery first, before replacing it.

3.7. Maintain and expand the natural biodiversity of our grounds

- Provide a range of habitat types both natural and man-made.
- Maintain the Filfalle, with help of experts.
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3.8. Take into account the environmental impact of any major changes to the property

- Perform an environmental impact assessment of any planned building works.
- Respond to any major natural changes (rock fall, floods etc.) in an environmentally friendly way.

3.9. Use the most environmentally friendly products and resources wherever possible

- Buy locally sourced products wherever financially possible.
- Give priority to suppliers with clear environmental credentials.
- Use as much recycled paper as possible, and reuse one side used paper.

3.10. Work with other partners around the world to share environmental knowledge.

- Take an active role in networks such as Scenes and Goose.
- Promote and integrate Leave no Trace into KISC.
- Be open to helping others become more ecologically minded.