



# Dirleton Village Association Sustainability Policy

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**Dirleton Village Association (DVA) is committed to promoting sustainability. Concern for the environment and promoting a broader sustainability agenda are integral to the DVA's values and objectives. We aim to follow and to promote good sustainability practice, with a view to reducing the environmental impacts of DVA activities, and to encourage residents of the village and our partner organisations to do the same.**



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East Lothian, Scotland



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## ***Our Vision***

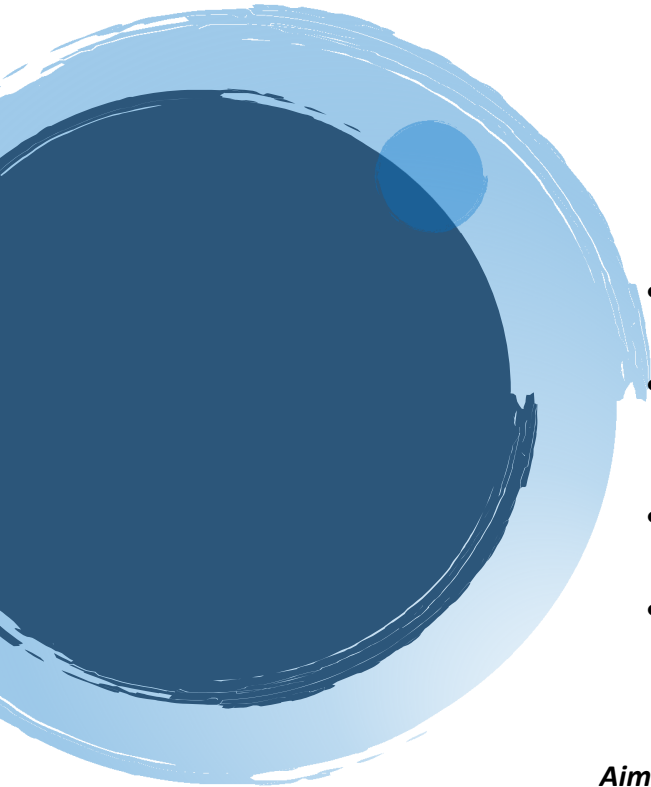
Our vision at the Dirleton Village Association is to 'think global act local'. We will give sustainability priority where it is appropriate to do so, with a view to helping to protect our planet and village and to provide the best possible future for our children. We will do this by;

- *Encouraging the reduction of energy consumption*
- *Encouraging the use of renewable energy rather than fossil fuels.*
- *Encouraging the increase of carbon capture through the planting of trees, hedges and woodland.*
- *Acting to improve the wild flora and fauna in and around the village and by encouraging others to do so.*

## ***Our Principles***

Our sustainability policy is based upon the following principles:

- *To comply with, and if possible, exceed applicable*



*legislation, regulations and codes of practice.*

- *Where possible to integrate sustainability considerations into our decisions.*
- *To ensure that we are all aware of our sustainability policy and are committed to implementing and where appropriate improving on it.*
- *To minimize the impact on sustainability in the workplace, and in local and transportation activities.*
- *To bring our sustainability policy to the attention of villagers and surrounding landowners, encouraging them to adopt sustainability awareness.*

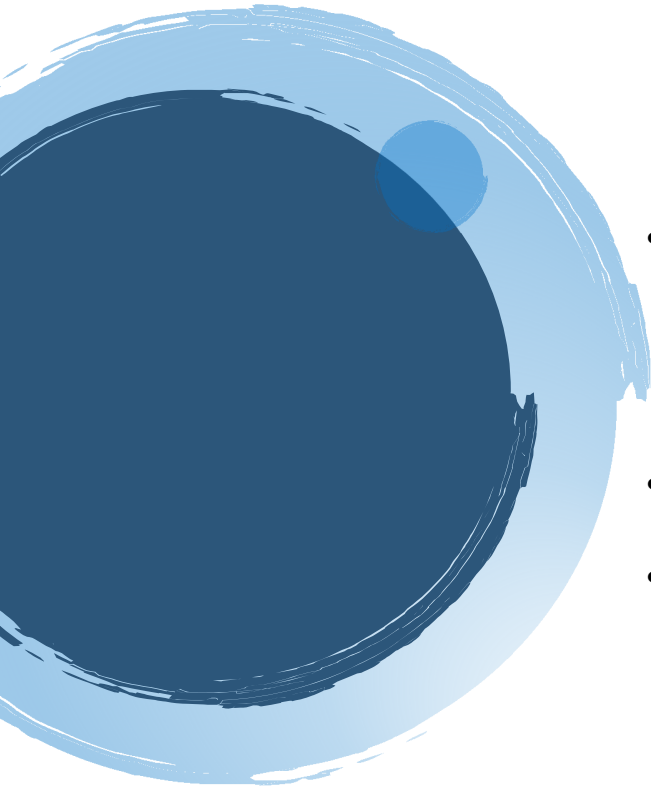
### ***Aims***

We aim to carry out or support actions to address the following sustainability issues:

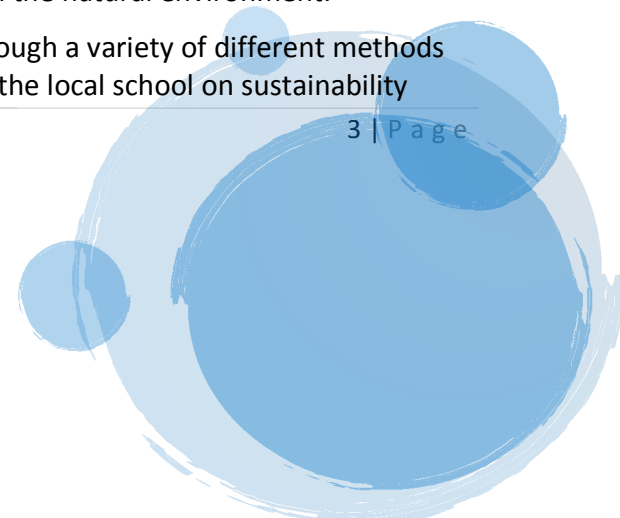
- *Historic Heritage Conservation*
- *Global Warming/Carbon Emissions* - The national commitment is the control of carbon emissions and of global warming. We aim to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Scottish national commitment to do so.
- *Natural Heritage Conservation* – The protection and extension of the wild flora and fauna in and around the village.
- *Energy Saving*
- *Recycling and Waste Management including plastics*
- *Social Sustainability, Health and Well-being*

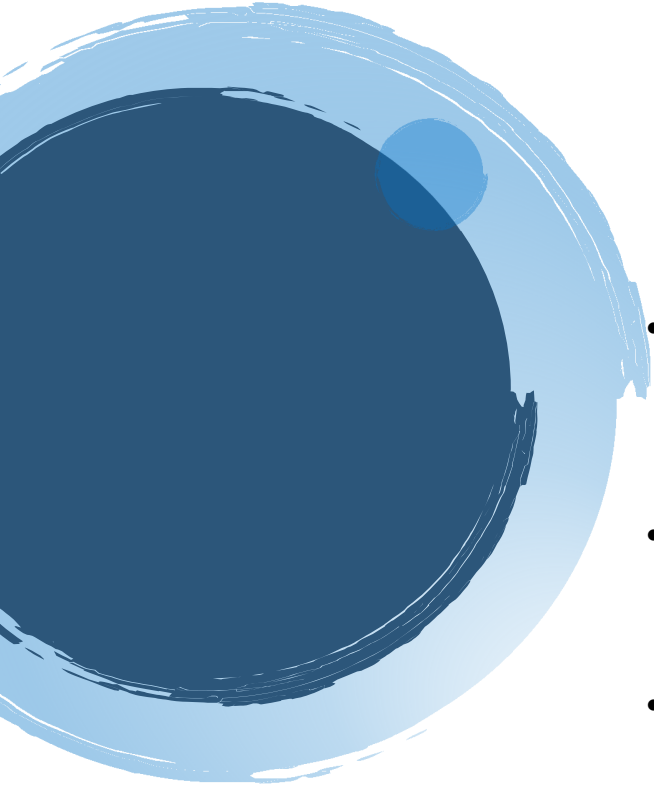
### ***Practical steps***

In order to put these principles into practice we will:



- *Support the achievement of zero waste objectives-* By encouraging recycling initiatives such as zero waste and improving recycling targets overall for plastics, cardboard, cans and glass and by promoting upcycling opportunities through the means of social media and website engagement.
- *Protect and enhance the cultural heritage-* We will actively promote the protection of our cultural heritage.
- *Protect and enhance the natural environment, including biodiversity and the landscape-* We will encourage environmentally friendly land management practices in and around the village; carry out wildlife flora and fauna conservation projects in and around the village; encourage green waste initiatives such as composting and food recycling; support initiatives to eliminate the use of harmful chemicals in the environment.
- *Maintain, enhance and promote access to open space and recreational opportunities-* We will encourage all generations to take active roles in the local area by actively promoting existing and new recreational opportunities and sites and promoting fair and open access to open space and countryside in and around the village.
- *Take into account the implications of development for water, air and soil quality-* We will be aware of water, air and soil pollution and take reasonable steps to monitor this and to bring any cases to the attention of the regulatory authorities.
- *Support healthier living-* By improving the quality of the built environment and by increasing access to amenities, services and active travel opportunities and by increasing the opportunities for people, particularly children, to become involved with the natural environment.
- *Raise awareness-* Through a variety of different methods such as working with the local school on sustainability





projects and publicizing sustainability through local events.

- *Reduce energy waste*- By promoting the use of smart technology for street lighting, standby electronics and other energy uses by reasonable alternative methods. Seek to find low energy environmentally friendly alternatives.
- *Support the use of shared transport and the use of alternatives to the car*- such as walking, cycling and/or using public transport to attend meetings etc., and to encourage similar initiatives where appropriate.
- *Maintain Communications*- We will undertake activities to promote and maintain an awareness of sustainability within the local community, such as including a copy of our Sustainability Policy on the village website.

