

Saffron Walden Initiative Environmental Policy

The Initiative will:

Foster community appreciation of the natural, historic and built environment of Saffron Walden and its immediate area

Promote the local economy and local purchasing

Work on projects which improve local biodiversity and the built environment

Organise events in a way which limits their environmental impact, in particular by minimising car journeys

Use resources prudently, in particular by minimising paper use and recycling or composting any waste arising from its activities

Seek to ensure that projects on which the Initiative works:

- Reduce water and energy use.
- Prevent pollution to land, air and water.
- Minimise waste and increase recycling
- Minimise the environmental efficiency of our transport and travel
- Identify and manage environmental risks and hazards
- Comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations.

POLICY CONTEXT

The Saffron Walden Initiative is an independent, non-political community group. Its aim is to improve Saffron Walden for residents and visitors to the town by working in partnership with the community and public agencies to facilitate and promote initiatives to:

- Enhance the town's appearance
- Promote the town and area
- Provide facilities and activities for all ages and interests
- Improve accessibility for residents, visitors and shoppers
- Increase the variety and quality of shopping and services
- Develop community spirit

The Initiative promotes these aims by running a programme of events for its members and the local community, and by working with others on local projects to achieve the Initiative's aims. The Initiative does not directly manage land or premises or employ staff.

*The SWI Board reviewed and renewed this policy on 13 December 2023.
The policy will be reviewed every 2 years.*