

# **Kench Hill Charity Environment Policy**

Kench Hill Centre is committed to protecting the natural environment. We endeavour to do this by raising awareness and educating visitors about sustainable practise and demonstrating good practise in all our areas of operation:

## **Waste**

- reducing waste, including food waste by careful menu planning and composting
- re-using materials
- recycling all glass, plastic/polythene, metals, Tetra-paks, card and paper
- 'Free-cycling' unwanted furniture, equipment etc

## **Transport**

- encouraging the use of public transport
- arranging transport sharing
- reducing food miles by growing our own produce and shopping locally

## **Water and energy**

- saving energy, including measures to improve building insulation
- efficient use of water including reductions and storing and harvesting of rainwater
- washing at low temperature, only using full loads
- cleaning wellington boots in buckets, not running water
- reducing pollution of water by minimising toxic chemicals including use of biodegradable alternatives and natural cleaning agents

## **Purchasing**

- replacing electrical equipment when required with the most energy efficient models
- purchasing resources with consideration to using local suppliers, organic products, fair trade and sustainably managed practices

## **Biodiversity**

- striving to increase biodiversity in the grounds by enriching habitats, providing food and minimising use of chemicals harmful to wildlife

We assess the environmental impact of all historic, current and likely future operations and continuously seek to improve our environmental performance.

We are committed to auditing and reviewing our environmental practice annually and create an action plan.

**Review date: January 2012**