

# Brighter Futures

## ENVIROMENTAL POLICY



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## Environmental Impacts

We all have some impact on our environment. We recognise this fact and aim to minimise or mitigate the impacts Brighter Futures has.

## Environmental law

Brighter Futures aims to comply with all applicable environmental and health and safety laws.

## Resource usage

**Efficient energy usage** has been one of our main aims, as the impact that the use of energy has on climate change has been identified as a key factor in global warming. We have audited our energy use, developed an action plan and installed energy efficient equipment to produce, conserve and use energy in the most efficient way currently possible. We now benefit from low energy use, self-sufficient micro generation, and low carbon emissions. Brighter Futures will continue to monitor and improve our energy usage.

**Our Vehicles** are economical and maintained to a high standard of efficiency, and are used sparingly.

**Wood Resources**, where possible, we re-use materials such as wood recovered from waste pallets, and turn it into usable and attractive garden furniture, bird boxes, insect hotels, and so on. When the use of virgin wood is necessary, we source from responsible suppliers.

**Food Resources** are mostly sourced through Fare Share and are used in a way that minimises waste.

**Office Supplies** are minimal and are sourced from responsible suppliers.

## Waste

**Our discharges** are controlled to meet local regulations and minimise quantities where possible.

**Our emissions** have been reduced our emission by moving to use of an ASHP rather than a gas boiler and disconnected our Gas supply.

**Our general waste** is minimised and controlled through a licenced and approved waste contractor.

**Recycling** is currently set as an improvement project for Brighter Futures.

## Positive impacts on our local environment

Community projects are part of our environmental policy to make the local area a brighter, more colourful aspect of community lives. We build planters, bird boxes, bird tables, insect hotels, hedgehog houses, fruit and veg for the community, and more. Our aim is to tidy and add value to our environment, and to improve the environment for nature, wildlife, and the community.

