



# Madron Parish Council

## Sustainability and Environmental Policy

This policy outlines our approach to contributing to Cornwall Council's Environmental Growth Strategy which calls on us not just to protect but to enhance nature. With the aim to protect the natural beauty of Madron for current and future generations. We want to create a thriving, resilient community that balances social, economic, and environmental wellbeing.

As a parish council we encourage all who work, live and visit Madron to:

- \* Refuse – avoid buying materials where possible which have a harmful environmental impact
- \* Reduce – Reduce waste and the usage of energy resources as much as possible
- \* Reuse – Reuse waste materials when possible
- \* Reform – Reuse materials in a multipurpose form
- \* Recycle – Recycle materials where possible and reuse materials as resources

Madron parish council are continually looking to improve the way in which we work to be more environmentally friendly in what is used and produced.

Madron parish council's strategy is about identifying basic principles which can be built on, can be affordable and meet the present requirements. As a not-for-profit organisation, Madron parish council's approach needs to be one that is the least 'expensive' and 'revolutionary'. Therefore, the main approach is that of 'green housekeeping' in order to make a positive contribution to the local and global environment. Madron parish council is committed to reducing any harmful effects on the environment and promoting the understanding of sustainable development in its broadest context. This approach influences decision making within Madron parish council and thus underpins Madron parish council's values e.g. being open about how we take care around the local environment and the people that work and/or volunteer for Madron parish council.

### **Madron parish council's Policy**

- \*To be responsible citizen's
- \*To ensure that all at members of the parish council share the responsibility for environmental performance
- \*To utilise raw materials and energy sparingly
- \*To develop Madron parish council's working practices in order to continuously improve environmental performance
- \*To promote individual good practice

### **Implementation**

Madron parish council reviews recycling schemes to ensure that waste reduction in all key business materials that is used. Recycled paper is used for day-to-day business needs and paper where appropriate is re-used before being recycled. Madron parish council utilises the term 'think before you print'.

### **Carbon Footprint**

It is important to identify where Madron parish council is creating pollution. The measurements and calculations are the responsibility of the council.

### **Energy and water saving**

The nature of Madron parish council's business means that there is minimal energy and water consumption, however Madron parish council is always looking at how to be more efficient no matter how small the saving.

### **Action plan**

Wherever possible Madron parish council will purchase non/small-polluting and energy efficient technologies. Madron parish council will minimise the use of natural resources and lessen the impact on the environment through:

- \*Recycling paper through Cornwall Councils recycling scheme
- \*Recycling computer equipment through Cornwall Council's 'Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment' scheme
- \*Recycling used postage stamps via charity collections where possible
- \*Cancelling junk mail where possible
- \*Producing all photocopying and printing in double sided format wherever possible
- \*Buying recycled paper, envelopes, notebooks, ring binders, folders and so on wherever possible

### **Madron parish council will seek to minimise carbon footprint through:**

- \*Identifying cost effective green energy sources
- \*Planning for and implementing changes to power and lighting

### **Information Technology**

Madron parish council will encourage staff to take individual responsibility when using IT equipment e.g. Switching off computers/devices when finished

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