



**POLISH BOMBER
SQUADRONS CENTRE**

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RAF INGHAM

Environmental Management Policy

RAF Ingham Heritage Group (RIHG) consists of Trustees, a Management Committee and a team of Volunteers.

RIHG fully supports the adoption of sustainable practices and is committed to reducing its impact on the environment and is committed to championing sustainability as part of its everyday operations, and its learning programme.

To achieve this, RIHG has adopted the following environmental management strategy:

Waste

The minimisation of waste through increased recycling and promotion of '*re-use and reduce*' is actively encouraged across the whole site. Designated waste bins for specific waste, are already in use. During the renovation phase of reconstruction, specific waste building products were recycled separately.

Energy

Although currently using 'main grid' electricity, we are aiming to become Energy Neutral by 2028, through the installation and introduction of renewable 'Green Energy' via Solar/Wind power; thus, providing us with a Zero energy footprint.

In the meantime, we have installed underfloor heating powered by Air Source Heat Pumps, and LED low energy lighting in the new Main Exhibition Centre, as we strive to reduce energy consumption.

Water

The minimisation of water waste through increased recycling and promotion of '*re-use and reduce*' is actively encouraged. The capture of rainfall from roofs for use in the gardens, being an example in practise.

Waste and 'grey' water is processed through our on-Site bio-recycling system and is then released into the natural water course.

Pollution Prevention

We aim to minimise and avoid the release and emission of pollutants that may cause environmental damage to air, land or water, as well as minimising noise pollution where practicable.

Biodiversity

RIHC aims to protect, conserve, enhance and restore the diverse flora and fauna at the Heritage Centre site, with a strong focus on the Memorial, Remembrance and Nissen Hut Gardens, as well planting numerous hawthorn and blackthorn hedges around the Site's perimeter, promoting the wild bird and insect populations.

Environmental Training

RIHC strives to raise volunteers' awareness of environmental issues.

Sustainable Procurement

A sustainable procurement focus is observed as we address the impacts of products and services, and the evaluation of the environmental performance of our suppliers and contractors.

The purchase of benches for our Picnic Garden, made from recycled plastics, is a good example in practise.

Environmental Policy (Long term)

RIHG is aware that its activities impact upon the environment and its aim is to reduce such impact wherever and whenever possible. Although the Heritage Centre already adopts good environmental practices, this is seen as a baseline from which continual environmental improvement can be developed. To do this, we will:

1. Conduct an Environmental review annually to capture any changes that may have taken place in the intervening period which will feed into this Policy.
2. Set clear and verifiable objectives and targets for reducing our major environmental impacts which are energy and resource consumption.
3. Disseminate throughout the organisation best environmental practices, facilitated by Estates Manager.
4. Ensure effective communication channels are in place across the whole organisation to also include contractors and other non-RIHG people working on-Site.

This Policy acts as the governing document for setting improvements and will consider the views of the Trustees, Committee, Volunteers and interested parties. It will be reviewed annually by Estates Manager, and revised where necessary.

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