



GRIMSBY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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Introduction

Grimsby Town Football Club is aware of our impact within our community. As part of this commitment we believe that football clubs have a vital role to play in minimising this impact by the club, staff and fans on their environment.

It is the policy of Grimsby Town to lessen this environmental impact and, as a club and a business, to continually develop, review and improve our environmental objectives.

To reach this goal, we shall continue to improve efficiency in the use of all resources and adopt greener technologies where appropriate.

We are committed to treating all relevant legal and environmental legislation and guideline as a minimum requirement and will seek to exceed them wherever possible.

We also encourage and hope all suppliers, partners and stakeholders to share our aims, particularly our staff and fans.

Our Commitment

Our employees will be encouraged through regular communications to turn off computers, televisions and not to print documents or emails unless necessary.

To use electricity, water and gas as efficiently as possible. To recycle waste as far as practicably possible.

Overall, to be mindful of environmental impact when carrying out duties as an employee of Grimsby Town Football Club.

We believe that as a club we can help inspire and educate staff and supporters by promoting our policy.

Monitoring, Measuring & Management

All utilities are monitored on a monthly basis using 'Tracesoft' system to record meter readings remotely and wirelessly download data into an excel spreadsheet. The results are analysed for variances and to identify areas for improvement.

Recycling

We send all waste from Blundell Park & the clubs training ground [Cheapside] for recycling to Ellgia Waste Management Site in Scunthorpe.

At Blundell Park there are provided designated recycling bins for bottles, paper, card & grass. Other waste is sorted by Ellgia Waste Management Site in Scunthorpe. [85% of waste is recycled]

Electricity

All non essential electrical equipment & apparatus is switched off between home fixtures & events, including coolers, chillers and refrigerators. A system of checks by supervisors ensures staff adhere to this policy.



Any light fitting that requires replacing is automatically replaced with an LED unit. Where possible we are also retro-fitting existing units with LED tubes. In addition, motion or door activated lighting has been installed where practical.

Staff are encouraged to switch off all non-essential lighting when moving round the building and premises.

Timing devices are used if necessary to limit the amount of energy consumed by electrical appliances.

All non-active computers are switched off when not in use.

Heating

Timer clocks are checked on a monthly basis to ensure the minimum period of operation to heat the premises & water is achieved. All radiators are thermostatically controlled and set to minimum levels for comfort. Zonal controls enable efficient management of heating within the building.

Solar

We have installed solar panels at our Cheapside training ground. These panels supply 'green energy' for the building and in addition supply electricity to the National Grid.

Water

To reduce our water usage, taps in all of our public & staff toilets have been replaced with pressure /push taps limiting flow rate. In addition where possible push controls have been provided to control water flow to men's urinals. Where this has not been possible we have installed motion activated sensors to manage water flow. Players showers at Blundell Park & Cheapside are also push activated minimising water useage.

Following every home match day, water is switched off at the stopcocks in all areas where it is not required between fixtures.

Office Equipment & Ground Supplies

Where possible the club will endeavour to use recycled stationary & equipment including paper & printer ink cartridges. Mobile phone & ink cartridges are sent separately for recycling.

We recycle existing stationary by reusing folders and make use of the blank side of letters & correspondence as note/scrap paper.

We will also ensure that lighting, waste and office supplies are recycled where practical.

The club use hand towel & toilet roll dispensers in toilets around the stadium which limits the amount of recycled paper used.

Travel

We encourage our supporters to use public transport wherever practical.

Our Commitment To The Future

To maintain and further improve environmental performance at our premises.

All Materials used are to be environmentally sustainable wherever feasible, including the paper used in offices and for marketing and promotional materials.

The clubs plans for a new stadium will include state of the art energy management systems and will provide for sustainable energy from natural resources including solar power and wind turbines. In addition a water reclamation system will allow the club to use rain water from the stadium structure to water the playing surface and recycle the same water from pitch irrigation. It is also intended to use reclaimed 'grey' water for cold water flushing cisterns.