



**Grimsby Town Football Club
Environmental Policy**

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Introduction:

Grimsby Town Football Club (GTFC) is committed to promoting sustainability and protecting the environment in all aspects of its operations. We recognize the importance of minimizing our environmental impact and aim to contribute to a cleaner, greener future for our community, supporters, and the wider world. This policy outlines our approach to environmental management and sets clear objectives for reducing our ecological footprint.

Our Commitment:

At Grimsby Town Football Club, we are dedicated to implementing practices that protect the environment, reduce waste, and conserve natural resources. The individuals responsible for actioning the club's environmental policy at board level and internally are below.

Polly Bancroft: CEO

David White: Head of Facilities and Safety

We will strive to:

1. Minimize Energy Consumption:

- Invest in energy-efficient lighting, appliances, and heating systems at Blundell Park and any other facilities we use.
- Encourage renewable energy sources, wherever possible, and support sustainable energy initiatives.
- Raise awareness amongst staff, players, and supporters about the importance of energy conservation.

2. Reduce Waste and Improve Recycling:

- Reduce waste by avoiding single-use plastics and promoting reusable and recyclable materials.
- Set up comprehensive recycling systems throughout Blundell Park and other club venues.
- Collaborate with local recycling services to ensure responsible disposal of all waste generated by matchdays, training, and club operations.

3. Water Conservation:

- Implement water-saving measures in all areas of the club, including reducing water usage in toilets, kitchens, and irrigation of the pitch.
- Monitor water consumption regularly to identify areas where further reductions can be made.

4. Sustainable Travel and Transport:

- Promote sustainable travel options, including public transport, walking, cycling, and carpooling for both staff and supporters attending matches.
- Invest in electric vehicle charging points at Blundell Park to encourage the use of electric vehicles by both the club and its visitors.
- Support the use of public transport and provide information about travel options to reduce the carbon footprint associated with matchday travel.

5. Supporting Local and Sustainable Sourcing:

- Prioritize local and sustainable products for use in the club's operations, including food and merchandise.
- Work with suppliers who share our commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.
- Promote local produce in our catering services to support regional farmers and reduce food miles.

6. Green Landscaping and Biodiversity:

- Maintain and enhance green spaces around Blundell Park with environmentally friendly landscaping techniques.
- Promote biodiversity by planting native species and ensuring wildlife habitats are protected and supported.

7. Education and Awareness:

- Encourage staff, players, and supporters to be mindful of their environmental impact and promote sustainability in all aspects of life.

- Provide environmental education and resources to ensure that everyone connected to Grimsby Town FC understands the importance of sustainability.

8. Carbon Footprint Reduction:

- Regularly measure and monitor our carbon footprint and identify ways to reduce emissions associated with club activities.
- Set measurable targets for reducing our greenhouse gas emissions over the next five years.

9. Community Engagement:

- Engage with our supporters, local organizations, and community groups to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage sustainable practices.
- Host initiatives such as eco-friendly matchdays, community clean-up events, and sustainability-focused campaigns.

Implementation and Review:

This Environmental Policy will be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that it remains relevant and effective. We will continually seek to improve our environmental performance and set new targets as necessary. Progress will be monitored and reported annually to the club's stakeholders.

Conclusion:

Grimsby Town Football Club is proud to take a leadership role in sustainability and environmental stewardship. We recognize that through the collective efforts of our players, staff, and supporters, we can make a positive impact on the environment and set an example for other clubs and organizations to follow. By adopting these practices, we hope to ensure a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for generations to come.