

# **Arnside & Silverdale**

## **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

### **Environmental and community responsibility policy statement**

**The AONB Partnership is committed to working in a sustainable way and to making a positive contribution to the local economy and local communities in carrying out our work. We will continuously strive to improve our performance in this area by:**

#### **Using resources wisely**

We will:

- Reduce, reuse or recycle wherever possible
- Use water efficiently
- Strive to reduce our use of paper both in the office and when producing publications
- Use resources wisely and encourage others to do the same

#### **Saving energy**

We will:

- Monitor and strive to reduce our energy consumption by adopting energy efficient business practices
- Encourage others to use energy efficiently
- Encourage the installation of renewable and low carbon micro generation in the AONB

#### **Travelling sustainably**

We will:

- Work to reduce the carbon emissions generated by our business travel
- Use sustainable transport options whenever possible
- Encourage others to use sustainable forms of transport by promoting and linking our events to public transport whenever possible
- Promote walking and cycling

#### **Purchasing ethically**

We will:

- Promote and purchase local products
- Work with appropriate local contractors, suppliers and materials if possible
- Purchase only phosphate free eco-friendly cleaning materials
- Purchase recycled, ethical and/or fair-trade products whenever possible

#### **Bringing benefits to local communities**

We will:

- Liaise with, consult, support and work with local communities
- Promote and support appropriate local services, businesses and products
- Provide opportunities for local people to get involved with our work