

Active Partners Trust's Commitment to Environmental Sustainability:

Our Statement:

Together with our partners, we are working to address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them. This shared vision is set out in Making Our Move and guides our approach to climate change and environmental sustainability in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. As an organisation we will consider how we, as a team, work and how we can minimise our impact on the environment. We will share our ambitions, our actions and our learning to support our partners to make changes too.

We recognise the connection between moving more, climate change and environmental sustainability. It can be really positive. Generally speaking, moving more — particularly outdoors — not only connects us more to nature but can help us reduce our carbon footprint, providing sustainable forms of travel, reducing our energy use, and lessening our dependence on services and products to stay healthy.

It can, however, also have a negative impact on the environment and on climate change. We often travel by car to participate in activity; facilities demand resources to build and energy to run; kit and equipment is often disposable or quickly replaced and made of plastic; and single use plastic water bottles used by people during activity have a negative impact on the world around us. We're also seeing the impact of climate change on sport and physical activity experiences in extreme weather, such as with flooding and extreme heat.

In all our work, it's essential that we are climate and nature positive - looking at ways to benefit the environment and encourage environmentally friendly behaviours.

Our role is to:

- Gather insight so we better understand the impact of our organisation and our agenda on climate change and nature.
- Learn from each other and others; making decisions that will move us to reducing the environmental impact of our work and to becoming climate and nature positive.
- Support our team and partners to build knowledge and confidence around physical activity, climate change and connecting to nature; sharing learning to influence and empower others.
- Ensure all our investment considers, and where possible acts for, environmentally sustainable practice and principles.

How do we measure success:

- Staff are more confident in the agenda; and will consider the impact on climate change and nature in all APT's working practices and decision making.
- There will be a higher profile of the impact of climate change and seeking more sustainable solutions within our work.
- We know APT's carbon footprint and will have developed a plan to reduce it to become a more sustainable organisation.

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