

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, aligning to Sport England's Every Move Strategy. 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.

It's essential that, in all our aims and actions, we consider sustainable solutions, looking at ways to minimise environmental impact and encourage environmentally friendly behaviours.

Our role is to:

Gather insight to better understand the role that our organisation and our sector contributes to environmental sustainability;

Consider the environmental impact of all our work and learn together on an ongoing basis;

Support our team and partners to build knowledge and confidence around physical activity and climate change, sharing learning to influence and empower others;

Ensure all of our investment considers environmentally sustainable practice and principles.

How do we measure success:

The impact on environmental sustainability will be considered in all APT's working practices and decision making;

There will be a higher profile of the impact of environmental sustainability and how to minimise our climate impact within the sector.

We maintain or reduce APT's carbon footprint to become a more sustainable organisation