

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 the climate emergency, the journey to net zero, and tackling the biodiversity crisis in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Our commitment aligns with Sport England's *Every Move* Strategy and is our contribution to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) primarily 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17.

Low-income households, older people, marginalised communities, children, and those with disabilities and long-term health conditions are the most vulnerable to climate change and extreme weather events. These are the same audiences that already participate less in sport and physical activity. This is why environmental sustainability is not an add on to our work, it is how we aim to work, in all we do, to ensure that the people who are most affected are supported to move more and benefit from the positive opportunities physical activity can bring. This graphic from Sport England's *Every Move* Strategy illustrates this well.

As an organisation we will take internal action to improve our own environmental performance, contributing to wider net zero ambitions and strengthening the resilience of local ecosystems. We will share our ambitions and learning. We will use our collective influence to drive progress across the system and support our partners to make meaningful, sustainable changes too.



We recognise the deep connection between moving more, climate change and environmental sustainability. This connection can be really positive. Moving more — particularly outdoors — not only connects us more to nature but can also help reduce our carbon footprint by encouraging sustainable travel, reducing 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 take part; facilities demand resources to build and energy to run; kit and equipment is often disposable, plastic-based, or frequently replaced; and single-use plastic bottles continue to harm ecosystems and contribute to pollution. At the same time, sport and physical activity are increasingly affected by the escalating climate emergency — through extreme heat, flooding, and more frequent severe weather events that disrupt participation and damage natural and built environments.

Urgent and decisive action is required. It is essential that, in all our aims and activities, we consider sustainable, low carbon, and biodiversity positive solutions — minimising environmental impact, supporting ecological recovery, and encouraging behaviours that help protect the planet for current and future generations.

Our role is to:

Take internal action to improve our own environmental performance and to openly share our journey and learning with partners. Work to ensure partners understand how they can play their part, have the capability to contribute to the collective vision: to realise a positive and regenerative physical activity sector.

Use our collective influence to drive progress across the system and to work with people and communities to encourage people to move more, enhance biodiversity and reduce emissions.

We will produce an action plan which provides further detail about how this will be delivered and how success will be measured through a combination of metrics and narrative that reflect our organisational approach to reducing our environmental impacts. This will be reviewed in 2028.