

# St Michael's Mount

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

With a history that spans over 600 years, St Aubyn Estates are an integral part of the West Cornwall landscape and are committed to preserving the natural beauty of the area as well as promoting prosperity and sustainability within the wider community of West Cornwall.

Preserving and enhancing our beautiful environment and taking an active role in the local community have always been a priority for the Estates. Our company vision is to be a force for growth while preserving the beauty of the landscape under our care. This includes maintaining the unique character of St Michael's Mount, ensuring the prosperity of the wider Estate for future generations and benefitting the wider community in West Cornwall.

We recognise that the operation of the organisation will result in environmental and community impacts and we seek to reduce these through sustainability and forward planning. We're proud to be doing our part in protecting and promoting the environment and supporting local communities and hope others will join us in making this extra effort.

**It is the policy of St Aubyn Estates to minimise the environmental impact of its operations with on-going commitment to:**

- Reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions.
- Reducing energy use and introducing the use of renewable energy.
- Preventing pollution of land, water and air.
- Reducing waste and increasing reuse and recycling.
- Using water efficiently.
- Using and obtaining materials and services from sustainable sources.
- Protecting and enhancing biodiversity.
- Using land wisely, whilst conserving the local environmental quality.
- Working with local suppliers, ensuring our activities support the local economy.

**We will achieve these aims through ensuring the Estates:**

- Comply with all environmental legislation and relevant codes of practice.
- Strive to continually improve our environmental performance through the implementation and review of objectives, targets and action plans.
- Assess the environmental impacts of all new policies and practices.
- Take environmental impacts into account during procurement and give preference to companies that are environmentally friendly.
- Regularly review and report on progress against this policy.
- Communicate with interested parties, and make this policy publicly available.
- Make all staff aware of the environmental policy and how they can contribute to the Estate's overall environmental performance.

**Employees & visitors can help to achieve this by:**

- Being aware of electricity/heating/water use and seeking to minimise these.
- Recycling or reusing as many items as possible to minimise waste.
- Walking or using public transport where possible.
- Promoting sustainability to visitors and the public.
- Raising any issues or ideas that could help us in our sustainability action planning.