



Environmental & Sustainability Policy

At **McClures** we are committed to minimize our environmental impact and promote sustainability as an integral part of our operations. Located in the picturesque Lake District in the UK, we recognise the significance of this unique natural landscape and the responsibility we bear to preserve and protect it. Therefore, we have developed the following environmental policy to guide our actions:

1. Conservation of Natural Resources:

We strive to conserve natural resources by optimizing our energy and water usage, reducing waste generation, and promoting responsible consumption throughout our operations. This includes implementing energy-efficient technologies, regularly monitoring resource usage, and actively seeking opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint.

2. Waste Management:

We are committed to reducing, reusing, and recycling materials to minimize the generation of waste. Through effective waste management practices, we aim to divert waste from landfills and promote the circular economy. This involves providing appropriate recycling facilities, encouraging employees to adopt sustainable waste practices, and partnering with local recycling initiatives. The Company, where possible, will compact waste products before collection either through suppliers or using registered carriers of recyclable / waste products & compact where possible. All cardboard and plastic wrapping will be compressed and bundled. We understand that Organic Waste is a significant contributor to a landfill waste and Greenhouse Gas emissions, so alongside with ReFood - a specialized company in 'Food Waste Recycler' we are helping to turn our Organic Waste into valuable Biofuels and responsibly addressing our Waste Management.

The Company commits itself, where commercially available, to offer a free waste collection service for used cooking oils. The company will therefore act as an intermediary for a partnership company who will re-cycle waste cooking oil where it will be converted into 'biodiesel' or other sustainable products.

3. Sustainable Procurement:

We prioritize sourcing products and materials from suppliers who demonstrate strong environmental practices. The Company, wherever possible, will work closely with, and will purchase from, local suppliers of fruit, meat, milk and vegetables, and work with all suppliers to minimize environmental impact and to achieve environmental sustainability. We encourage suppliers to adhere to sustainable sourcing standards, minimize packaging waste, and prioritize eco-friendly materials. By selecting responsible partners, we can collectively contribute to the protection of the environment.

The Company will work closely with all suppliers of 'meat products' to ensure the genuine authenticity of meat(s) contained within those product & commits itself to ensuring that all fish products are compliant with the Marine Stewardship Council fishery certification program, and we will seek to ensure supplier compliance.

4. Transportation and Logistics:

The Company will always aim to reduce the carbon footprint of company vehicles. Commercial vehicles are fitted with a 'Fuel Conditioner' for optimum fuel and emission savings. In addition, company vehicles are fitted with a 'real-time' tracker facility to allow accurate monitoring of, and to economically optimise, driver routes. Our minimum order of £75 was also established to minimize deliveries. The Company are committed to using Euro 6 Category vehicles. The company's decision to incorporate electric and hybrid vehicles into our fleet exemplifies our commitment to sustainability, reducing carbon emissions and contributing to a cleaner, greener future.

5. Environmental Awareness and Training:

We are committed to fostering a culture of environmental awareness among our employees. We provide training and educational resources to raise awareness about sustainability practices and encourage employees to incorporate eco-friendly behaviours both at work and in their personal lives. By empowering our team, we aim to create a collective impact towards a greener future.

6. Community Engagement:

We actively engage with our local community and environmental organizations to contribute positively to the preservation of the Lake District's natural environment. Through collaborative initiatives, volunteer programs, and educational outreach, we seek to promote environmental stewardship and inspire others to join us in safeguarding this remarkable region.

7. Continuous Improvement:

We recognize that our environmental journey is ongoing, and we commit to regularly reviewing and improving our environmental practices. We set measurable goals, monitor our progress, and seek innovative solutions to further reduce our environmental impact. By staying adaptive and open to new ideas, we strive to continually enhance our sustainability performance.

This environmental policy guides our decision-making processes, and we hold ourselves accountable for its implementation. By working together with our employees, suppliers, and community partners, we believe we can make a meaningful difference in preserving the natural beauty of the Lake District and building a sustainable future.



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