

Environmental & Sustainability Approach

Age UK Blackburn with Darwen recognises its legal, social and economic responsibilities in relation to the environment and is committed to reducing the organisation's carbon foot print. We will adopt the following approach to our operations and activities.

Materials and resources

- We do not buy single use plastic items except where they are essential for health and safety reasons
- We will purchase locally from UK suppliers where we can, bulk buy when ordering and use seasonal food produce
- Items will have no automatic timeframe for disposal, and we will always look to repair before replacing
- We will minimise internal printing and services will utilise paperless systems whenever possible.
- Printed materials will always be also available in an email format
- Activities will use digital resources where appropriate

Managing waste

- We will look to recycle/ donate any items that we no longer use before taking to landfill
- Items and materials will be reused where they can
- We recycle through our charity shop and through local recycling schemes

Managing energy

- We will conserve water as much as we can including utilising toilet bricks
- We will conserve energy as much as we can and will consider green tariff suppliers

Emissions and transport

- We encourage the reduction of vehicle use through route planning, sharing vehicles and promotion of public transport, active travel and the cycle to work scheme

Governance

- Progress will be monitored through our business plan and reported in our Annual Report

