



Environmental Policy Statement

At Arnold Guise Associates we care about our environment; we are custodians of the earth and it is important that we pass on an environment in a better position than we inherit it. This is particularly important for us as we are a family run business, currently with two generations working in the Company. With this in mind, we have taken certain steps to take the environment into account in the running of the company.

Our Environmental Mission Statement

At Arnold Guise Associates we will continually look for opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint and increase our environmental performance. We commit to look at environmental impacts when making business decisions or purchases. We will make sustainability a key consideration when making any purchases. We will take steps to reduce single use plastic.

Steps taken so far:

- Premises
 - Our Office is predominately made with **natural materials**. A wooden as opposed to brick structure enabling the embodied carbon energy to be Lower. Wood has natural thermal insulating properties, as an organic material it is a natural humidity regulator which is beneficial for internal air quality.
 - All glass is double glazed to help reduce heat loss and thereby use less energy to heat.
 - All lights are fitted with **LED** bulbs to increase energy efficiency.
 - We have installed a rainwater collection system.
 - Made additional Insulation works to improve thermal efficiency.
- Software
 - We have invested in a range of Software solutions to enable our Clients to exchange documents and accounting information with us digitally. This not only saves postage and courier costs for our clients but reduces the carbon emissions that result from such activities.
- Office Culture
 - The use of single use plastics must always be a last resort, re-usable drinks bottles and bamboo cups are used for beverages.
 - Printing is discouraged.
 - All office consumables are recycled.
 - Purchase of recycled office consumables made where possible.
 - Cleaning products will be environmentally friendly.

Steps to be taken in the next year:

- Energy Efficiency Equipment Audit.
- Find Further opportunities for 're-use' of materials.
- Look to move to a 100% renewable energy supply (currently at approx. 50% clean energy supply)