



Sustainability Policy for King Edward Mine & Museum

This document refers to the three aims for KEM which are:-

- a. to be environmentally aware,
- b. work economically
- c. and to be people orientated. i.e. socially inclusive.

The intention is to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

Environmental & Economic awareness

KEM aims to avoid pollution, reduce emissions and cut down on items going to landfill. If possible, transport will be 'green' thereby lowering the number of leaks/spillages

When necessary, new equipment will be purchased to a specification that is within the current basic guidelines for that item and not be over specified. But priority will be given to achieving 'best value' for individual items.

Where possible, materials will be reused and not disposed of.

Noise levels will be kept within reason, - ancient technology which is fundamental to the site cannot be muffled. (drills, winder & stamps)

Heat will be sourced according to need and time of year. Energy saving is important both financially and environmentally & to this end, volunteers are requested to save energy by turning of lights and heat as they leave a room.

The conservation of wildlife and its habitats will be achieved by regular observation of plant growth and taking the necessary steps to maintain the footpaths and grass on site. Where practical, fields & hedges will not be cut until flowers have seeded.

Social Inclusion

The museum aims to give volunteers and visitors as much help as is required to allow them to benefit from their time on site. Disabilities are not viewed as being an obstruction.

Disabled persons and schools are actively encouraged to visit an environment that can be challenging with steep steps and lengthy walks. Should it prove necessary, volunteers will try to provide an alternative means of movement around the site.

Volunteers are encouraged to help achieve the museum aims by actively being involved in decision making.

