



## Environmental Policy Statement

The Institute's mission is to enhance economic, environmental and societal value of agricultural land. The Institute adopts and promotes environmental best practice in conjunction with its funding bodies by implementing an environmental management system to comply with environmental legislation, minimise energy use, impact on the local environment and wastage. While much of the research undertaken by Rothamsted Research has influence at a national and international level, environmental best practice is being implemented at a local level. Specifically:

1. Understanding and minimising, where possible, the impacts of Rothamsted Research activities on the environment and on the local community.
2. Rothamsted Research commits itself to improve continually its environmental performance, to comply with relevant environmental legislation, any other applicable requirements and to adopt current standards of best practice, including prevention of pollution.
3. Continual development of objectives and targets to reduce environmental impact through the application of measurable and achievable performance indicators.
4. The efficient use of energy and natural resources including minimising waste, and encouraging effective re-use and recycling where appropriate.
5. Minimising the environmental impacts of new and refurbished buildings through good specification and design whilst supporting their primary function.
6. Working with suppliers and contractors to promote approaches to product sourcing and management that minimise adverse environmental impacts.
7. Raising awareness of environmental issues and training of staff in best practice in order to ensure effective resource use.
8. Managing farms and estate to maintain ecological diversity and conservation value.
9. This policy is reviewed and implemented by the Environmental Committee
10. The Institute Executive Committee undertakes to provide the required resources and support the activities of the Environmental Committee in meeting its objectives
11. The current version of this policy is available on the Rothamsted Research intranet site.

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