



ENGLISH
HERITAGE

STONEHENGE – OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Operating a world class visitor attraction and minimising our environmental impact.

BREEAM Certification

Stonehenge Visitor Centre achieved a VERY GOOD rating on its BREEAM certificate. This international assessment looks at environmental, social and economic sustainability performance. This means BREEAM rated developments are more sustainable environments that enhance the well-being of the people who live and work in them and help protect natural resources.

Water Conservation

Stonehenge Visitor Centre is not connected to a mains water supply; instead water is drawn from a borehole. To preserve this precious natural resource the facilities at the visitor centre include innovative waterless urinals, waste water is recycled for toilet flushing and smart technology is employed to control the quantity of soap and water dispensed during hand washing.

Heating and cooling from the ground

We make use of an underground aquifer as a thermal source or discharge point to enable us to change the temperature in the visitor centre buildings. The system operates more efficiently than traditional boilers and provides both heating and cooling.

Green Bus Fleet

In 2018 a new fleet of shuttle buses was deployed to take visitors between the visitor centre and the stones. Six vehicles equipped with the latest Euro 6 engines provide a quieter, cleaner experience. As well as being better for the environment they also have more room for wheelchairs and high contrast interiors for visitors with sight impairments.



Zero to Landfill

We are working in partnership with Grist Environmental recycling and recovering all the waste collected from Stonehenge, maximising recycling with zero waste going to landfill.

World Heritage Site landscape

The land around the visitor centre and stone circle is maintained as chalk grassland. This means it is not improved with products such as fertilisers but instead is cut and cleared once a year.

Our Suppliers

We are working closely with Simply Lunch, our sandwich supplier to ensure our products are supplied to us using the latest innovations in plastic free packaging, 100% naturally sourced bio plastic alternatives are used where no other alternative is available.

Simply Lunch use the latest technologies to help reduce their carbon footprint; using low emission vehicles and Route optimisation, where the delivery vans collect from suppliers on return routes ensuring vehicles are rarely empty.

Print

All of our preferred lithographic printers are certified with the FSC standard, so we can confidently print on FSC accredited paper stocks. The inks used in this printing process are vegetable based and any coatings used are water based. Each of our lithographic printers have robust environmental policies in place covering the manufacturing process and include energy usage, waste reduction and recycling of materials. This is bolstered by their certification to the ISO 14001 Environmental standard.

Staff Wellbeing Programme

English Heritage takes the wellbeing of its staff and volunteers extremely seriously. An Employee Assistance Programme is available for anyone who feels they could benefit from confidential counselling. There is also a peer to peer Mental Health First Aider programme in place which offers a chance for staff to share their concerns or worries with a colleague.



Sustainable Shopping

A large number of the products in our gift shop are made and sourced locally. Honey from Salisbury Plain, wine from Lyme Bay, pottery from Staffordshire and an exclusive range of Barbour clothing and accessories helps local businesses and reduces our environmental footprint.

Our Christmas card range uses corn-starch based biodegradable bags and sustainably sourced board and envelopes. We have introduced a candle range; made using natural soy wax, that is biodegradable and vegan friendly.

We have a range of exclusive 'designed in the UK' bamboo socks that are made from natural and sustainable fibres

Our preserves and many of our sweets are in glass jars that can be reused and we have introduced other recyclable/reusable packaging options such as card, muslin and paper; replacing plastic where we can.

Sustainable choices for visitors

Eating out responsibly

We ensure our customer are given the option to drive change offering a large choice of locally sourced food, healthy whole food options and free drinking water

Re-usable Coffee Cups

Within our catering outlet we stock the reusable rCUP which is made from recycled single use cups. As part of our commitment to reduce single use coffee cups we offer a 10% discount on every hot beverage purchased when using either the rCUP or your own reusable cups within our catering outlet.

