



Agreed at the Nursery Management meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and due for review in September 2025

**Environmental Statement for Poppleton Community Railway Nursery**

As far as possible we do not use weed killers, and if they are, they are used on the gravel paths and railway track

We do not use insecticides or fungicides

We do not use peat

We compost our old potting soil and green waste using the windrow method of composting and then we heat sterilise the soil and turn it back into potting compost

We harvest as much rainwater as possible and use it in our irrigation system which is continually being added to with storage tanks and new spray lines

We endeavour to reuse as much as possible on site we actively collect flowerpots and containers from the public and reuse them on the nursery and offer them for sale to raise funds

We do most jobs by hand as we have plenty of volunteers and so use very little machinery

We recycle as much wood as we can for repair jobs and craft projects around the nursery, smaller off cuts are burned as heating for greenhouses and workshop.

We grow plants which are suited to our conditions and require little protection or the bare minimum of heat

We grow according to the season rather than heating the greenhouses.

Where we are able, we insulate our greenhouses and buildings to provide a warmer environment using less energy

We organise recycling of tins, glass, plastics, aluminium and cardboard

We undertake to review our energy and product use regularly

We buy locally where possible

We encourage wildlife where it is compatible with horticulture and endeavour to use physical barriers where we have a conflict rather than chemical methods