

## Environmental Policy Statement

### Uffington Museum Trust

Uffington Museum Trust (UMT) is responsible for overseeing the day to day running of Tom Brown's School Museum (TBSM). UMT carries out all activities in an environmentally sustainable manner within the resources available. UMT has a particular responsibility in this field. It is, after all, primarily about sustainability and is unique in having responsibilities to people of the past, present and future, to ensure that collections remain in good shape and accessible for years to come.

1. **Resource Conservation** – UMT conserves its use of natural resources to the extent practicable
2. **Waste Prevention and Management** – UMT reduces to the extent practicable the quantity and degree of hazard of the waste it generates from its operations and handles them in a safe, legal and responsible way to minimise their environmental effects
3. **Environmental Risk Control and Restoration** - UMT minimises the risk of spills and other potentially harmful environmental incidents, restores the environment where damaged and enhances it to better support biodiversity
4. **Reduction of Supply Chain Impacts** – UMT works with others in its supply chain to help ensure adverse environmental impacts and risks associated with its products and services are reduced and properly controlled and environmental benefits optimized
5. **Collaboration with Communities** – UMT collaborates with its communities to protect and improve the environment

A specialist Architects report is commissioned by Uffington Parish Council (UPC) as owners of the building every 6/7 years to ensure it is maintained in good order and preserved for the use and enjoyment of future generations. A separate building action plan is in place which details all the recommendations and gives a suggested timescale for completion. As owners of the building, the report is reviewed at the UPC meeting every quarter and is used to ensure that the annual precept includes funds to maintain the building and land. The report is also overviewed by Uffington Museum Trust and the Friends of TBSM at their separate meetings, and ensures a strong working relationship between the 3 entities.

Storage heaters are used at the manufacturer's recommended optimum level to ensure preservation of the collection and the comfort of visitors. The roof space contains loft insulation which is added to when additional insulation is offered or donated. Monitoring of temperature and humidity levels is completed utilising a Hanwell data logger which provides half hourly readings and trend data which is analysed on a regular basis. All waste materials are recycled off site e.g. paper and card.

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