

Historic Environment Policy

The Mill of Benholm Enterprise is further fundamentally committed to protect the historic fabric, the historic environment as well as the natural and built heritage of the Mill of Benholm, to promote healthy living and to minimise any impact of activities to the environment and historic environment. All work undertaken will be constantly assessed on its historic environmental impact, natural based local products and/or heritage products will be used where possible. If detrimental impact on the historic environment and/or natural and built heritage of the Mill of Benholm is unavoidable, this must be minimised. Steps should be taken to demonstrate that alternatives have been explored, and mitigation measures should be put in place. There are a number of challenges and opportunities that affect how we manage and care for the historic environment and the natural and built heritage of the Mill of Benholm. Good decisions will aim to achieve the best possible outcome for the historic environment and maximise its benefits, and balances current circumstances with long-term aspirations. In their commitment to excellence in their activities the Mill of Benholm Enterprise (SCIO) shall;

Ensure legislative compliance and, where practicable, exceed this minimum requirement by incorporating sound historic environmental management policies and practice into all its activities, specifically and assess the environmental impact of all current and future activities. The Mill of Benholm Enterprise shall continually monitor and improve our historic environmental performance.

- Decisions affecting any part of the built and natural heritage and historic environment of the Mill of Benholm should be made with the full understanding of their impact and significance.
- Decisions affecting the historic environment of the Mill of Benholm should ensure that its understanding and enjoyment as well as its benefits are secured for present and future generations.

- Plans, programmes, policies and strategies, and the allocation of resources, should be approached in a way that protects and promotes the historic environment and the natural and built heritage of the Mill of Benholm.
- Changes to the Mill of Benholm should be made that protects the historic environment and natural and built heritage. Opportunities for enhancement should be identified where appropriate.
- Decisions affecting the historic environment and/or natural and built heritage of the Mill of Benholm should contribute to the sustainable development of the Mill of Benholm and communities and should be informed by an inclusive understanding of the potential consequences for people and community. The decision-making process should be collaborative, open, transparent and easy to understand
- Promote an awareness of historic environmental consequences in all undertaken activities
- Maintain and conserve natural and built heritage and provide an environment that is of benefit to local communities and promotes the local heritage as well as the historic environment.
- Promote a purchasing policy that will give preference, where practicable, to those products and services that cause the least harm to the historic environment and have preferable a heritage origin. Work should always be undertaken with preference of use of heritage skills over modern work processes where possible. The Mill of Benholm Enterprise will promote such skills and is committed, where possible, to support the teaching of such skills.
- Declare the Mill of Benholm site as vehicle free, with the exception for disabled access, certain deliveries and contractors using heavy equipment. All vehicular access must be individual assessed and granted by either the Secretary or Chair of the Mill of Benholm Enterprise. Without granted permission all vehicles have to be parked at the Mill of Benholm Car Park. Light tools and equipment used at the Mill of Benholm will have to be carried or transported via a hand cart.
- Avoid the unnecessary use of hazardous substances and processes and take all reasonable steps to prevent damage to the public or the environment where such activities are essential.

- Collaborate with appropriate external organisations to improve our understanding of environmental problems and their solutions.
- Work with other organisations local to our site to maximise our collective efforts.
- Raise awareness of historic environmental matters and encourage trustees and volunteers to play an active part in addressing them
- Communicate our historic environmental aims to members

Mill of Benholm in this policy means the Mill of Benholm mill complex, the entirety of the Mill of Benholm grounds including the water infrastructure, gardens, paths and orchard, and the Mill Brae Wood where under control of the Mill of Benholm Enterprise

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