



Agreed at the Nursery Management meeting in September 2025 and due for review in September 2027

Environmental Statement for Poppleton Community Railway Nursery

We try not to use weed killers, and if we do, they are used on the gravel paths and railway track.

We do not use insecticides or fungicides.

We do not use peat.

We buy peat free potting soil to make our compost.

We recycle our old potting soil and green waste using the windrow method of composting and then we heat sterilise the resulting 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, from time to time we collect flowerpots and containers from the public and reuse them on the nursery and spare pots are offered to the public for reuse.

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. Larger pieces of unwanted wood are taken for recycling at Hazel Court.

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 review our energy and product use regularly.

The nursery lighting has recently been changed from fluorescent lighting to LED's

We are moving towards wooden and paper labels rather than plastic

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.