

Ulverston Canoe Club

Environmental Policy

Ulverston Canoe Club recognises that our sport is an inherently environmentally damaging activity*. This inconvenient truth makes it imperative that we accept responsibility for taking action to mitigate the environmental impact of our participation in paddlesport.

* As paddlers we regularly travel considerable distances to venues where we use boats and equipment manufactured predominantly from synthetic materials largely derived from the petrochemical industry.

Environmentally Responsible Paddling

We will ensure that our members and guest paddlers are provided with information regarding how they can help minimise our environmental impact, attempt to leave those places where we paddle in a better state than we find them, act with due consideration towards the flora, fauna and wider environment and take due precautions around matters of bio-security.

In practical terms we undertake to do the following:

- Include environmental awareness as part of all training and coaching courses.
- Provide bin-bags and gloves to facilitate litter picking during club activities, ensure that our members are aware that these resources are available and encourage them to make use of them.
- Encourage our members to liaise / engage with (e.g.) South Cumbria Rivers Trust, South Walney Nature Reserve and similar organisations.

Please provide further suggestions as to what we CAN DO on a regular basis in order to strengthen our environmentally responsible approach: email ulverstocc@gmail.com or speak with any committee member.