

# Woodhouse

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### Environmental Policy

We at Woodhouse The Opticians are conscious of our social responsibilities with regards to helping the environment through our working practices. Our objective is not only to sustain our environment for our descendants but also to rehabilitate the damage previously done.

We believe that our corporate responsibility goes beyond our proprietary borders and therefore every effort will be made to conserve resources throughout our operations.

We are committed to improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods. We will encourage customers/patients, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

Woodhouse The Opticians will not only meet existing environmental laws and regulation, but will endeavour to introduce techniques and approaches that position us at the forefront of our sector.

Growth of our company depends on our abilities to minimise or eliminate our impacts on our surroundings. Our ultimate success depends on the environment of Blackpool and The Fylde and of the United Kingdom. Without a beautiful country, our customers will cease to come. Our company's future and the future of our environment are interconnected.

#### **Policy aims:**

- Comply with all relevant regulatory requirements
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts
- Incorporate environmental factors where possible into business decisions
- Increase employee awareness and training

The following are our specific ideals:

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### **Awareness and Commitment**

Our policy towards the environment will be readily available and promoted to our patients. We will endeavour to ensure staff and patients are familiar with and implement our environmental commitment and objectives.

### **Practical Implementation:**

- ✓ Woodhouse The Opticians environmental policy will be available to view on our website.
- ✓ Woodhouse The Opticians environmental policy will be available in our company files.

### **Transport**

Woodhouse The Opticians will endeavour to reduce the impact on the environment wherever possible with respect to transport.

### **Practical Implementation:** Woodhouse The Opticians

- ✓ Will seek and employ local products and services to reduce transport costs.
- ✓ Will avoid unnecessary travel, and will use energy efficient vehicles and driving styles.
- ✓ Encourage the use of public transport, cycle or foot.
- ✓ To eliminate unnecessary and inefficient use of Woodhouse The Opticians owned motor vehicles, and wherever possible, that of other vehicles associated with Woodhouse The Opticians. Wherever possible carpooling will be implemented.

### **Energy & Water Consumption**

Woodhouse The Opticians accepts a share of the UK's commitment to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions both by attaining greater efficiency in total energy consumption and by continuing to examine the possibility of acquiring electricity from 'green' sources when finances permit, either through the purchase of 'green' electricity, or through an increased use of solar water heating, combined heat and power plants (CHP), or photo-voltaic.

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### **Practical Implementation:**

- ✓ Woodhouse The Opticians will make every effort to use water efficiently and avoid pollutants entering the drainage system.
- ✓ Woodhouse The Opticians will use energy efficient products wherever practical, and monitor usage to achieve minimum energy consumption.
- ✓ Switch off lights and electrical equipment when not in use Adjust heating with energy consumption in mind
- ✓ Take energy efficiency and consumption into consideration when purchasing new products

### **Waste Generation and Management**

Woodhouse The Opticians will try to minimise the production of waste and pollution; including unnecessary packaging. Woodhouse The Opticians will implement measures to reduce the volume of waste generated and to increase the proportion of that waste which is recycled.

### **Practical Implementation:**

- ✓ Compost organic waste.
- ✓ Implemented separated recycle bins for glass, paper, plastic, and cans/tins.
- ✓ Minimised the use of paper in the office
- ✓ Reduced packaging as much as possible
- ✓ Seeks to buy re-cycled and re-cyclable paper products

### **Materials and Resources**

Woodhouse The Opticians will try to minimise environmental impact with regard to sourcing materials and resources.

### **Practical Implementation:**

- ✓ Work towards avoiding using materials which have an undesirable effect on the environment, and wherever possible use locally made recycled goods.

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- ✓ Aim to use contractors/suppliers who also share a commitment to the environment.
- ✓ Maximise use of electronic communication and information storage as an alternative to paper.
- ✓ Use cleaning materials which are environmentally friendly when possible.
- ✓ Only use licensed organisations to dispose of waste.

### **Natural Environment**

Woodhouse The Opticians will help to protect and enhance natural habitats and wildlife. Look to minimise impact on local wildlife, and to look for opportunities to work with the local community in caring for the local environment. Woodhouse The Opticians will endeavour to be aware of local planning developments and take appropriate action where these are potentially damaging to the environment.

Thank you for helping us to help the environment.

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