

## Isles of Scilly Tourist Information Centre – Sustainability Information

The TIC's parent company Islands Partnership work to environmental sustainable objectives set out in the destination management plan which states; *"We want to position in principle and practice the Isles of Scilly as an environmental treasure – England's Great Archipelago – an oasis that visitors can enjoy and help to secure for return visits and future generations."*

The company's articles of association state; *"The Company's objects are to promote a sustainable tourism economy for the Isles of Scilly and promote and improve the Isles of Scilly as a visitor destination"*

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The Tourist Information Centre recycles the vast majority of its waste using the Council of the Isles of Scilly's commercial waste recycling scheme, with a weekly collection of card, paper and plastic waste.

Our new in-house visitor maps are printed from recycled paper which is FSC certified.

More use is being made of local products from across the islands, and many of our mainland suppliers are switching to sustainably produced materials.

We have paper bags if customers need them for their purchases rather than plastic, and we ask if they need paper receipts rather than give them automatically.

We offer customers water bottle refills and display a "Refill Scheme" sticker in our window.

A 'bucket & spade' lending scheme was set up in 2021 to help reduce the use of single-use plastics.

All staff are local and either walk or cycle to work where possible.

The building that houses the TIC is thermally efficient with a 'living' roof. Little heating and lighting is required.

We promote eco-tourism through walking tours and guides including our 'Walk Scilly' walking festival.

There is a cycle rack and electric charging point outside of our building.

We join with the Islands Partnership as one of the organisers of the local beach cleans including the Great Scilly Spring Clean.

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