
Environmental Statement



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The South Hams Motor Club is proud to have promoted motorsport in the Westcountry for over 40 years. Looking towards a sustainable future the club is commencing a programme of environmental awareness in its sporting events and club administration. Increasingly aware of climate change and the pressures of carbon emissions on the environment, the start of our new policy commenced with the 2007 Audi South West Endurance Rally where all entries were asked to make a donation towards offsetting carbon emissions.

.....So, do you remember – SHMC decided to implement an environmental policy which commenced with the 2007 Audi South West Endurance Rally. £5 from every entry was put aside for a tree planting programme to not only offset carbon emissions but to improve the local landscape and biodiversity. We have raised £680 from this initiative on the last 2 events.

Well, we are coming up to the tree planting season and one of the first considerations is to make sure that the land is suitable for planting (that is does not have alternative wildlife/scenic value etc) and secondly that the trees to be planted are appropriate to the locality.

We have consulted with and agreed a planting programme with South Hams District Council. Planting trees is a start but we must also take other positive action in our club, our lives and our driving – despite what Jeremy Clarkson says !!

Five pounds has once again been included in the entry fee this year and will go towards the cost of our tree planting / environmental programme taking place in the South Hams.

This is one step towards “greening” the sport and we anticipate a good reception by our members and the event competitors. In the future, we will be investigating and implementing energy reducing and recycling practices in addition to increasing the awareness of issues such as bio-fuels, fuel efficiency, research and technology in line with the UK Climate Change Programme.

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