

Sustainability Policy

“As the UK’s premier coastal surf festival, Boardmasters is uniquely positioned to provide a significant platform for positive change. We have enjoyed over 15 years of partnership with Surfers Against Sewage and we are proactively seeking to address every aspect of our festival’s impact to ensure that it is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.

Our aim is to work with all of our key stakeholders in order to meet industry standards, setting challenging targets to ensure that sustainability is at the core of our festival delivery. We hope that by demonstrating best practice, we will encourage our contractors, suppliers and audience to change their behaviour and make a difference beyond the festival.”

Andrew Topham – *Managing Director, Vision Nine*

This policy is a recognition of the impact that the festival has on the local area and residents, and a statement of our commitment to producing a sustainable festival to minimise this impact. Vision Nine will deliver an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable Boardmasters through:

1. Economic

- 1.1. Engaging local suppliers and staff where possible.
- 1.2. Supporting and funding local charities.
- 1.3. Encouraging footfall to local hotels, restaurants and shops.

2. Social

- 2.1. Maintaining a positive, supportive relationship with the local authority.
- 2.2. Working with emergency services to protect health & safety of all attendees.
- 2.3. Engaging local residents in consultation around plans for the event, providing clear channels of communication and offering compensatory measures for immediate residents most affected.
- 2.4. Meeting noise, transport and light regulations and approved codes of practice.

3. Environmental

- 3.1. Sustainably managing the waste that is generated onsite to reduce carbon emissions and preventing waste from polluting the coastline.
- 3.2. Communicating our environmental policies to all occupants of the site including staff, customers, artists and crew and providing training where necessary.
- 3.3. Protecting livestock and wildlife on the festival site.
- 3.4. Encouraging sustainable procurement to address the life cycle of the resources used.
- 3.5. Working to reduce the amount of water used and waste water produced.
- 3.6. Endeavouring to reduce fossil fuel induced greenhouse gas emissions caused by powering the event and travelling to the event.
- 3.7. Carrying out a quantitative and qualitative measurement of the success of environmental initiatives and publishing the results
- 3.8. Producing targets to constantly improve the environmental sustainability of the event and to meet changes in legislation.