

7. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

1. Tandem Festival Management is committed to building a sustainable festival with environmental sustainability at its heart. Tandem Festival will not only be managed in a sustainable way, but will also inspire & educate visitors on environmental issues through discussions, guided walks, stalls, workshops, talks, art, film & music. It is our hope that with increasing resources, each year the festival will become more environmentally friendly.

2. Tandem spent its first two years at the Hill End Outdoor Education Centre in Oxford. This is a greenfield site kept in beautiful condition by Hill End's management team & with areas designated as Special Scientific Interest Sites (SSSI). Since 2017, Tandem has relocated to a farm in Ramsden, Oxon. The farm owner is Chair of The Wychwood Project & is dedicated to environmental conservation. We ask all visitors to the site to respect the site by conforming to the Site Safety Rules, particularly by not leaving cigarette butts on the ground & leaving rubbish around the site.

2. RECYCLING

1. 100% compostable and/or recyclable cups, plates, bowls & wrapping will be used by Festival Management for all food items. Contractors are required to do the same.

2. No glass bottles are allowed onsite.

3. Our Managers & team of Stewards will have all committed to ensuring that rubbish is efficiently & effectively disposed of. Tandem Festival works with the waste experts at More Bins to ensure that we recycle & compost wherever & whatever possible.

4. During the festival, Tandem Festival's Upcycling activities will show & encourage visitors to interact with the recycling & upcycling of objects that would otherwise have been deemed as waste.

5. All flyers & posters are printed by Greenprint, Oxford, a company dedicated to the use of recycled paper & environmentally-friendly inks.

3. FOOD & DRINKS

1. Tandem has always operated a vegetarian only food policy & will continue this into 2018. Much of the food is vegan.

2. Food contractors have been specifically chosen for their local & environmental ethos.

3. A large proportion of food cooked in the Tandem Volunteer kitchen will be sourced from food that would have otherwise gone to waste. The rest will come from an organic wholesaler. Any food leftover at the end of the festival will be distributed to avoid any food waste.

4. 100% of the drinks available at Tandem will be locally sourced.

5. We will distribute Green Action Plans to all traders so they know & agree to uphold our environmental guidelines.

6. Guidelines to consumers will be made available on our website to encourage attendees to support environmentally sustainable, local & ethical trade by buying from the festival instead of bringing supermarket food.

4. TRANSPORT

1. Bands & attendees are strongly encouraged to come by bike. Bike routes including maps will be available on the festival website.
2. Bicycle groups will be publicised in advance with reduced price tickets available to encourage bike ride leaders to get a group together.
3. Bike fixing workshops will be available at the festival.
4. A high premium has been put on car parking costs to discourage visitors from bringing cars. This premium can be reduced by bringing more people in one car, encouraging people to car share & cut fuel emissions. Car parking payments will be used to offset by partnering with Energy Revolution.
5. Shuttle buses will be available to & from Oxford to ensure fewer people travel by car

5. COLLABORATORS

We work with a number of Green Partners around Oxfordshire & beyond to promote sustainability through cross-promotion, workshops, talks & stalls. These include Community Action Groups, Greenpeace, Bicester Green, Low Carbon Oxford, Waste2Taste & many more.

