



## Sustainability Statement

With regard to sustainability. Sherborne Abbey has a policy of local purchasing, particularly from Mid-West the Stationers, Abbey Décor (hardware) and Marsh's Electrical. Local businesses are employed on maintenance including Blaze Electricals, Heatwave Mechanical Services for heating, Danny Bowen for all roof maintenance and gutters, T2 Digital for the organ camera, Godden & Curtis for the sound system along with many other local craftsmen with individual skills.

The Abbey has strong links with all the schools in Sherborne, with The Gryphon and the Abbey School being Church schools. All the schools hold their major services at the Abbey and are encouraged to take part in the Festival and other events such as Sherborne Christmas. The Boys School and the Girls School hold regular services at the Abbey, especially the boys on a weekly basis.

The Abbey has over 100 volunteer guardians who greet and welcome visitors and encourage people from all walks of life to volunteer for a variety of tasks and roles. Many of these guardians also volunteer to assist during Sherborne Abbey Festival.

The Abbey has strong links with local charities particularly the Rendezvous (Young People's Centre) and Sherborne Food Bank.

You may be interested to know that the Festival ensures:

- Our printing is all managed by a Sherborne-based company
- Our paper for print is purchased from UPM Paper, leaders in the integration of bio and forest industries into a new sustainable and innovation driven future [www.upmpaper.com/en/environment/Pages/Paper-enviro-home.aspx](http://www.upmpaper.com/en/environment/Pages/Paper-enviro-home.aspx)
- Purchase of equipment for projecting images of organist playing onto screen is from local company T2 Digital
- We use local photographers at performances
- Use local hotels for artists' and Patrons' party
- Use a local bistro to provide refreshments for artists and volunteers
- Use local schools for performers and performances
- We refer enquiries for Bed and Breakfast to local establishments
- Tickets sales are offered locally at Sherborne Tourist Information Centre
- The Festival is totally run and staffed by local volunteers, nobody is paid
- Profits are donated to local groups and charities in line with our MOA
- We provide funding for local children whose parents cannot afford to pay for them to go on school music tours etc
- 70% of all performances/concerts are free entry

- We use a local bookstore to sell books after performances when authors are invited to talk at the Festival
- The Abbey Shop in the Close sells souvenirs in the Abbey during concerts
- We pay for maintenance of the Abbey organ
- We use low flush toilets in the Church Hall used by audience for concerts
- Hire of composting toilet for Castleton Church
- We have a very low waste impact from Festival, mainly paper which is all recycled
- Volunteers get free seats to ticketed concerts
- Energy Management systems in place at a number of venues

If you feel there are other steps we could take to become even more sustainable, please send us your ideas to [hello@sherborneabbeyfestival.org](mailto:hello@sherborneabbeyfestival.org)