



LOOE LIVE!

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Environmental Policy

Introduction

We are so lucky in southeast Cornwall to be surrounded by stunning scenery, beautiful wildlife and the jewel in our crown – the ocean. We want to ensure that Looe Live only promotes this aspect of our community, and ensure no harm is done to our environment, and this is why we are working with local experts and conservationists to continue to develop our environmental policy.

1. Single-use Plastics

Minimise use of single-use plastics by using alternatives, suggestions include:

- Using re-usable cups rather than single-use plastics or 'compostable' alternatives*
- Using cardboard takeaway food packaging
- Using paper straws

What is the festival doing to reduce single-use plastics?

- Making sure banners are printed so that the majority can be used year on year and only date sections are single-use
- Supporting the design and purchase of re-usable cups for all licensed venues in the town
- Providing ticket holders with fabric wristbands, not plastic
- Importing additional waste and recycling bins into the town for the weekend of the festival to ensure all attendees can dispose of their rubbish responsibly
- Working with local volunteer groups to create a clean-up team that will endeavour to make sure that any rubbish that has ended up on our beach/streets is collected before it gets blown/washed away
- Liaising with Plastic Free Looe and local experts to ensure that all decisions made with regards to festival cups are as environmentally aware as possible



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2. Bathing Water Quality

Ensure bathing water quality is not compromised due to the event. Suggestions on how to do this include:

- Ensuring all toilet facilities display either the Bin it Don't Flush it stickers or tent cards
- Ensure kitchen practices mean no fats, oils or greases enter the waste water system by scraping/wiping plates and where possible, installing fat traps
- Ensure all food concessions recycle their waste, do not use single use Plastics and source their ingredients locally to save food miles

What is the festival doing to ensure bathing water quality is not compromised?

- Ensuring all public toilets are displaying the Bin it Don't Flush it stickers
- Liaising with the Looe Marine Conservation Group who lead the Looe and Liskeard Yellow Fish Project to ensure practices are up to scratch

3. Climate Change

Looe Town Council declared a climate change emergency in May 2019 and is working to minimise the Council and towns impact on carbon emissions. This supports the climate change emergency CORNWALL Council declared in January with the aim for CORNWALL to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The Town Council is encouraging residents and visitors to take the world climate change pledges.

<https://climatevision.co.uk/top-ten-pledges>

**Compostable cups or bioplastics have recently received a lot of criticism by the scientific community concerning their claims on biodegradation and compostability. We do not support this type of cup and would much prefer if establishments purchased re-usable cups that each venue can sell.*



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