

Wimborne Community Theatre – Environmental Statement

Wimborne Community Theatre is committed to respecting and protecting the environment in our work as a community theatre group, through both Themes and Production.

1. Themes

WCT has addressed environmental concerns in productions over many years, eg:

- *Our Rivers Sun Through Us* (2019) – we collected local people's memories of living near Rivers Allen and Stour, and the impact of rivers on their lives
- *Secrets of the Stour* (2022) & *Timeless Stream* (2021) – highlighting threats to the survival of river creatures
- *Source* (2010) and *The Great Rinsing* (2011) - imagining a world where water was a scarce resource.

2. Production

- i. We are interested in sustainability and try in productions to use recyclable materials, respect the environment and use Scrap Store wherever possible. For example, we use dead stock fabrics, pre-owned clothes and end of roll fabrics.
- ii. Wimborne Community Theatre is committed to minimise the impact of its activities on the environment.

3. How we achieve this:

- i. Work with landowners as appropriate to ensure minimum impact of our productions on the landscape
- ii. Use natural materials from sustainable sources when appropriate, eg willow
- iii. Minimise waste by evaluating operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible.
- iv. Actively promote recycling in as many ways as possible
- v. Source and promote productions to minimise the environmental impact
- vi. Meet or exceed all the environmental legislation that relates to the group
- vii. Promote environmental concerns in productions, such as 'Secrets of the Stour' which highlighted threats to the survival of river creatures and 'The Great Rinsing' which imagined a world where water was a scarce resource.

WCT has been an active member of Planet Wimborne for several years: we perform at their events, eg Wimborne Green Festival opening; our Chair is a Trustee of Planet Wimborne; we have worked in schools with this environmental group; we help with fund-raising for the group.

Planet Wimborne defines itself as:

A community of local people who are concerned about the climate and ecological crisis facing us today. We are an inclusive, enabling group that welcomes all individuals and organisations who share this concern, all of whom have an equal voice. Bringing together local environmental initiatives and through a process of collaboration and networking, Planet Wimborne aims to encourage more sustainable lifestyles across Wimborne and the local area. Together, we seek to positively inspire, educate, campaign and raise awareness of environmental and ecological issues, helping to conserve and protect our planet for generations to come.

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