



## **Hart's Green Garden Sustainability and Environmental Commitment**

The Management Committee (Hart District Council, Hart Voluntary Action, and Hart Allotments) encourage all users of Hart's Green Garden to contribute to making a sustainable garden community which enhances the natural environment and ecosystems.

When gardening at Hart's Green Garden you are becoming a member of a sustainable community making a promise to:

- **REDUCE WASTE** - Adhere to the principles of waste minimisation – reduce, reuse and recycle, and conserve natural resources. As well as working towards the elimination of single use plastics.
- **THINK ORGANIC** - help create a garden ecosystem that sustains the life of plants, soil microbes and helpful insects without the use of synthetic fertilisers and pesticides. Taking a holistic view of gardening, emphasizing the interdependence of life forms in forming a healthy ecosystem.
- **BE CLIMATE CONSCIOUS** – Recognise the environmental and climate impact of your choices. Always seek to minimise or stop all activities that have a negative environmental and climate impact. Hart's Green Garden is a peat-based composts and single use plastics free area.

The Management Committee is committed to:

- Promoting and actively encourage sustainability and best practice
- Leading by example
- Reduce single waste plastics
- Not using peat

## **Explanation of terms**

### **Waste minimization**

Waste minimisation is a waste management approach that focuses on reducing the amount and toxicity of hazardous waste generated. Waste minimization techniques focus on preventing waste from ever being created, otherwise known as source reduction, and recycling.

### **Conserve natural resources**

Earth's natural resources include soil, air, water, plants, animals, light, stone, minerals, and fossil fuels. Conserve means to protect something from harm or destruction.

## **Single use plastic**

Single-use plastics, or disposable plastics, are used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. These items are things like plastic bags, straws, coffee stirrers, soda and water bottles and most food packaging.

## **Holistic gardening / ecosystem**

[www.wellbeing.com.au/at-home/garden/getting-grounded-in-the-great-outdoors.html](http://www.wellbeing.com.au/at-home/garden/getting-grounded-in-the-great-outdoors.html)

For more information about the impact of peat on the climate & environment, visit this website:

[www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/today\\_in\\_your\\_garden/ethical\\_peat.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/today_in_your_garden/ethical_peat.shtml)