

e-whizz Environmental Policy

The Burren & Cliffs of Moher Geopark – Information & Interpretation

e-whizz commits to providing adequate information and interpretation to enable our visitors to gain a good level of understanding of the Geopark, and to gain a better appreciation of the heritage, geology, natural resources and culture in the area. See our Guiding and Interpretation Policy for more detail.

Leave No Trace

e-whizz commits to informing all visitors on Leave No Trace policy, and to emphasising areas of the policy that are key to preservation and conservation in the area. This is part of every guided and self guided tour we offer.

Contribution to Conservation

e-whizz commits to contributing to conservation in the Geopark in any form practicable, such as providing resources, staff and information services. We take part in the bi-annual adopt a hedgerow.

Energy

e-whizz commits to reducing our energy footprint through practical changes in the way we operate, and the use of energy saving measures. Energy efficient lightbulbs are used throughout our premises.

Water

e-whizz commits to the reduction of water usage by ourselves, our suppliers and partners, and our visitors. Our water usage is low due to water saving measures in the toilet. Our bikes and equipment are cleaned using a minimal amount of water.

Waste

e-whizz commits to the reduction of waste through the use of reduce, re-use, recycle. Our recycling levels are currently above 80% of total waste.

Sustainable Transport

e-whizz commits to the use of and provision of information on sustainable transport where practically possible. We inform all guests in advance of public transport options. Our ebikes are themselves a form of sustainable transport.

Green Purchasing

e-whizz commits to purchase and to sell local, eco-friendly and fairtrade products where at all possible. See detailed Green Purchasing Policy for more information.

Green Purchasing Policy

e-whizz will endeavour wherever possible to implement a green purchasing policy within our daily operations. This will include the following

Lighting: low energy lightbulbs and fluorescent tubes will be used in all premises; lights will be switched off when not in use; the use of natural light will be maximised;

Other power usage: all appliances will be switched off when not in use, e.g. PC, monitor, wireless modem, printer; Kettle and coffee machine will be filled only to the level required, and switched off when not in use; all electrical chargers will be unplugged or switched off at the wall when not in use;

Electricity will be sourced from the 'greenest' supplier by current measures (% renewable energy source used).

Tea and Coffee: tea and coffee will be sourced from fairtrade and local sources where possible.

Stationery and consumables: recycled paper will be used where possible; printer cartridges will be refilled where possible; all waste paper will be recycled using the green bin

Cleaning Products: only eco-friendly cleaning products will be used where possible; measures will be used for the measurement of quantities

Products for sale

- food, water, soft drinks will be sourced from local suppliers and producers where possible, and signage will be produced to indicate the provenance of all of these items
- souvenirs, postcards etc. from local sources will be sold where possible, and signage will be produced to indicate the provenance of all items

Guiding and Interpretation Policy

All e-whizz guides and employees will be trained in basic First Aid and PHECC.

All e-whizz guides will be trained in Interpretation of the Geopark according to the Geopark standards.

All e-whizz guests will be provided with information and interpretation of the heritage, culture, geology, flora and fauna of the region.

All e-whizz guests will be informed of the Leave No Trace policy.

Documentation will be provided on Leave No Trace for all visitors.

Information on local activities, amenities, accommodation and events will be provided to all visitors.

Self-guided tour guests will be provided with information and interpretation documentation.

Self-guided tours will include maps and detailed instructions where necessary.

All guided tours will include a visit to an interpretive centre where possible.

Guided tour guests will be provided with a fully trained guide.

All guides will be provided with detailed information required to interpret the Geopark.

An emergency pick up service will be provided for self-guided tours.

A pick up service is provided from long distance bus services.