

Sustainable Crediton: Campaigning and Political Activity Policy

Charitable Purpose of Sustainable Crediton

‘To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

(A) The preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources

(B) To advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection of, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large

(C) Such other charitable purposes as the trustees from time to time think fit.’

All campaigning and political activity carried out by SC will be in the furtherance of our charitable purpose as set out above.

Campaigning

Charity Commission’s definition of Campaigning which may be undertaken by a charity:

‘awareness-raising and (to) efforts to educate or involve the public by mobilising their support on a particular issue, or to influence or change public attitudes (It also uses it to refer to) campaigning activity which aims to ensure that existing laws are observed.’

Political Activity

Charity Commission’s definition of Political Activity which may be undertaken by a charity:

‘activity by a charity which is aimed at securing, or opposing, any change in the law or in the policy or decisions of central government, local authorities or other public bodies, whether in this country or abroad. It includes activity to preserve an existing piece of legislation, where a charity opposes it being repealed or amended.’

Sustainable Crediton’s Policy

Sustainable Crediton may undertake campaigning and political activity as allowed under the Charity Commission’s guidance as set out above.

In pursuit of its objectives, Sustainable Crediton will never give support or funding to any political party, politician, or political candidate. We will be especially vigilant in this regard

during election periods. We have no political purpose or objectives.

No trustee or other individual acting on behalf of Sustainable Crediton will use SC as a vehicle for expressing political views or allegiance.

SC may choose to support policies advocated by political parties which align with SC's charitable objectives. We may also offer commentary and criticism of policies which we have good reason to believe run counter to our objectives.

We may campaign for changes in the law where in our considered opinion this will support our charitable objectives. Campaigning will at all times be within the law.

We may campaign to influence public opinion, also the actions and policies of public bodies including local authorities, only where this is in pursuit of our charitable objectives.

We will avoid using controversial material when campaigning. Our campaigning will be evidence based.

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