



## Weybrook Park Golf Club Environmental & Climate Policy – May 2025

Weybrook Park Golf Club's environmental and climate vision is to operate in harmony with the Hampshire downland landscape now and for future generations.

### Introduction

Weybrook Park Golf Club is a 27-hole complex just north of Basingstoke in the Hampshire Downs. The Club is owned by its golfers, past and present. We intend as the first step for the West course to be recognised as one of the best courses in Hampshire. The award from *Your Golfer* as their Golf Club of the Year for 2023 and for England Golf to list us as a finalist for their 2022 Golf Club of the Year would indicate that we are well on the way towards that target.

We know that our course interacts with nature and the landscape and requires resources including water and energy for its operation and maintenance. We also recognise the need to comply with legislation and play our part in creating an improved resilience to the changing climate. We are striving to achieve our environmental and climate vision by working with our members and other stakeholders to learn and then take action. Over time we aim to transition the Club from managing and minimising environmental and climate impacts, to making positive contributions. This policy describes how we will achieve this aim.

### Responsibility and Resources

This environmental policy applies to all our operations including the operation and maintenance of the course, the clubhouse and the procurement of goods and services. The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented. However, all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met. We will ensure that resources are available to enable us to achieve our objectives and targets.

### Our Environmental and Climate Objectives

In recent years we have undertaken significant work to improve our understanding and take environmental and climate action:

- We have deployed a Waste2Water recycling system with around 4000 cubic metres of mains water being saved annually
- We have planted 7000 whips (young trees)
- We have invested in a moisture probe for the greens, helping us to identify specific areas which need watering rather than resort to blanket watering.
- A member, Andrew May-Miller, has set up two beehives on the course.
- A greenkeeper, Adam Olliver, won the Conservation Golf's Greenkeeper of the Year award in 2022 as a result of his work around the course and his commitment to helping the members and visitors to understand what was being done.
- We have set up a conservation committee, consisting of members and staff
- We are overseeding greens, tees and approaches with a Creeping Bent grass variant which requires reduced watering and is more tolerant of drought conditions

### Monitoring and auditing

By 2025 we are also seeking to improve the way that we collect and manage data in relation to our main environmental and climate impacts so that we can learn more and improve faster.