



## **Shakespeare's England Biodiversity-Friendly Purchasing Policy**

### **Purpose**

Shakespeare's England recognises that the products and food we purchase can have an impact on biodiversity, habitats, wildlife and ecosystems around the world. We are committed to making responsible purchasing decisions and, where possible, avoiding products that contribute to deforestation, habitat destruction, overfishing, pollution or biodiversity loss.

### **Our Commitments**

When purchasing food, drink, office supplies, promotional materials and other products, Shakespeare's England will:

- Give preference to locally produced goods and services where practical, helping to reduce transport impacts and support local economies.
- Choose suppliers who demonstrate responsible environmental practices and sustainable sourcing.
- Avoid products known to contribute significantly to biodiversity loss, including those linked to illegal deforestation, habitat destruction or unsustainable agricultural practices.
- Where possible, select products certified by recognised sustainability schemes, such as FSC, PEFC, Fairtrade, Organic, MSC or equivalent standards.
- Minimise the use of single-use items and favour reusable, recyclable or sustainably sourced alternatives.
- Encourage catering providers, event venues and partners to offer locally sourced, seasonal and sustainably produced food and drink options.

- Avoid the unnecessary purchase of products containing unsustainably sourced palm oil, timber, paper or seafood.
- Consider environmental and biodiversity impacts as part of purchasing decisions alongside quality, cost and suitability.

### **Events and Hospitality**

When organising meetings, events and hospitality activities, Shakespeare's England will seek to:

- Use local suppliers wherever possible.
- Offer seasonal food and drink choices.
- Minimise food waste through appropriate ordering and donation or redistribution where feasible.
- Reduce reliance on products with a high environmental impact.

### **Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of Shakespeare's England's wider sustainability commitments.

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