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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Environmental Policy

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd recognises that our operations have an impact on the natural environment. This Environmental Policy sets out our commitment to conducting all aspects of our business in an environmentally responsible, sustainable, and legally compliant manner. The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear framework for managing our environmental responsibilities while delivering high-quality tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, vegetation management, and fencing services throughout Denbighshire and the surrounding areas.

Commitment to Protecting the Environment

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We are committed to protecting and enhancing the environment by preventing pollution, conserving natural resources, reducing waste, and promoting sustainable working practices wherever reasonably practicable. We recognise our responsibility to minimise the environmental impact of our activities and continually seek opportunities to improve our environmental performance.

Our commitment includes complying with all applicable environmental legislation, adopting industry best practices, and encouraging environmental awareness and responsibility across all areas of our business.

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all business activities undertaken by Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd, including tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, vegetation management, fencing, site preparation, waste handling, transportation, and the use of plant, machinery, equipment, and materials. It provides guidance for the environmentally responsible planning, delivery, and management of our services.

Applicability

This Environmental Policy applies to all employees, directors, temporary workers, contractors, subcontractors, and any other individuals working on behalf of Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd. Everyone representing the Company is expected to understand, support, and comply with the requirements of this policy and to carry out their duties in a manner that protects the environment and promotes sustainable business practices. Compliance with this policy forms an integral part of our commitment to responsible business management and continual environmental improvement.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Company Overview

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is a professional outdoor services company based in Denbighshire, Wales, providing reliable, high-quality land management and landscaping solutions for residential, commercial, and public sector clients. We are committed to delivering safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible services while maintaining the highest standards of workmanship and customer satisfaction.

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Our experienced team undertakes a wide range of outdoor maintenance and improvement projects, ensuring that every job is carried out with due consideration for environmental protection, health and safety, and compliance with relevant legislation.

Services Provided

Our core services include:

- ✚ Tree surgery and arboricultural services
- ✚ Landscaping and grounds improvement
- ✚ Gardening and routine garden maintenance
- ✚ Vegetation management and site clearance
- ✚ Fencing installation, repair, and replacement

Operating Area

Our primary area of operation is Denbighshire, with services also provided throughout the surrounding areas of North Wales, subject to customer requirements and project scope.

Commitment to Sustainable Business Practices

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd recognises its responsibility to minimise the environmental impact of its activities. We are committed to operating in a sustainable and responsible manner by protecting natural habitats, reducing waste, using resources efficiently, preventing pollution where reasonably practicable, and complying with all applicable environmental legislation. Through continual improvement and responsible working practices, we aim to contribute positively to the communities and environments in which we operate.

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Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to conducting its business in a manner that protects and enhances the natural environment. As a company providing tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, vegetation management, and fencing services throughout Denbighshire and the surrounding areas, we recognise our responsibility to minimise the environmental impact of our operations while delivering high-quality services to our customers.

We are committed to:

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Environmental Stewardship : Protecting the natural environment by carrying out our work responsibly, safeguarding wildlife and habitats where practicable, and promoting sustainable land management practices.

Compliance with Environmental Legislation: Meeting all applicable environmental laws, regulations, codes of practice, and statutory requirements relevant to our business activities, and ensuring our operations remain compliant at all times.

Prevention of Pollution: Taking all reasonably practicable measures to prevent pollution by managing waste responsibly, controlling emissions, preventing fuel or chemical spills, and protecting land, watercourses, and surrounding ecosystems from contamination.

Continuous Improvement : Continually reviewing and improving our environmental performance by monitoring our working practices, adopting more sustainable methods where feasible, and encouraging innovation that reduces our environmental footprint.

Responsible Use of Natural Resources : Using energy, fuel, water, materials, and other natural resources efficiently, reducing waste wherever possible, promoting recycling and reuse, and selecting environmentally responsible products and materials whenever practical.

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd expects all employees, contractors, and subcontractors to support this policy by working responsibly, following established environmental procedures, and contributing to the Company's commitment to sustainable and environmentally conscious operations.

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OUR ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to conducting its operations in a manner that protects the environment and supports sustainable working practices. To achieve this commitment, the Company has established the following environmental objectives:

- ✚ Minimise Environmental Impact by planning and carrying out all tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, vegetation management, and fencing activities in a way that reduces adverse effects on the environment.
- ✚ Protect Wildlife and Natural Habitats by considering the potential impact of our work on local ecosystems, preserving biodiversity where practicable, and complying with relevant legislation relating to protected species and habitats.
- ✚ Reduce Waste Generation by using materials efficiently, avoiding unnecessary waste, and adopting practices that promote the responsible use of resources.
- ✚ Improve Recycling Practices by separating recyclable materials where practicable and ensuring that green waste, timber, metal, and other recyclable materials are disposed of through appropriate recycling facilities whenever possible.
- ✚ Prevent Pollution by implementing effective measures to prevent fuel spills, chemical leaks, excessive dust, noise, and contamination of land, watercourses, and drainage systems during our operations.
- ✚ Promote Environmentally Responsible Working Methods by selecting practical and sustainable working practices, maintaining equipment to minimise emissions, and considering environmentally preferable materials and processes wherever reasonably practicable.
- ✚ Encourage Environmental Awareness Among Employees by promoting environmental responsibility throughout the Company, providing appropriate guidance and training, and encouraging all employees to actively contribute to the achievement of our environmental objectives.

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd will regularly review these objectives to ensure they remain appropriate to the nature, scale, and environmental impact of our operations, while supporting continual improvement in our environmental performance.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to conducting all business activities in accordance with applicable environmental legislation, regulatory requirements, and recognised industry standards. We acknowledge our responsibility to minimise the environmental impact of our operations while ensuring full compliance with all legal obligations.

To achieve this, the Company will:

- ✚ Comply with all applicable UK environmental legislation, regulations, and statutory requirements relevant to our tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, vegetation management, and fencing activities.
- ✚ Adhere to the requirements of local authorities, planning conditions, and environmental guidance applicable to the areas in which we operate, including Denbighshire and surrounding regions.
- ✚ Carry out our work in accordance with recognised industry standards, best practice guidance, and professional codes of conduct to promote safe and environmentally responsible operations.
- ✚ Obtain, maintain, and comply with any licences, permits, consents, or authorisations required for our business activities, ensuring they remain valid and are reviewed as necessary.
- ✚ Monitor changes to environmental legislation and regulatory requirements and update our policies, procedures, and working practices to maintain ongoing compliance.
- ✚ Cooperate with regulatory authorities and other relevant organisations in relation to environmental matters and demonstrate compliance through appropriate documentation and record-keeping where required.

Through these commitments, Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd aims to operate responsibly, protect the environment, and maintain the confidence of our customers, employees, regulatory authorities, and the wider community.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to managing waste responsibly and adopting practices that minimise our environmental impact. We recognise that effective waste management is an essential part of delivering our services in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner.

To achieve this, the Company will:

- ✚ Segregate waste wherever practicable to maximise opportunities for reuse, recycling, and responsible disposal.
- ✚ Recycle green waste, including branches, wood, leaves, grass cuttings, and other biodegradable materials, through approved recycling or composting facilities whenever practical and appropriate.
- ✚ Dispose of non-recyclable waste responsibly, ensuring that all waste is handled, transported, and disposed of in accordance with applicable environmental legislation and local authority requirements.
- ✚ Manage hazardous materials safely, including fuels, oils, lubricants, chemicals, and contaminated materials, by storing, handling, and disposing of them through authorised waste management facilities and licensed waste carriers.
- ✚ Minimise waste generation by planning work efficiently, using materials responsibly, maintaining equipment to reduce unnecessary waste, and encouraging the reuse of suitable materials wherever possible.

All employees are expected to follow the Company's waste management procedures and contribute to maintaining clean, safe, and environmentally responsible working practices on every site.

TREE AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to carrying out all tree and vegetation management activities in a responsible, professional, and environmentally conscious manner. We recognise the important role that trees, hedgerows, and other vegetation play in supporting biodiversity, improving air quality, and enhancing the natural landscape.

To minimise our environmental impact, we will:

- ✚ Undertake tree surgery and vegetation management only where necessary and in accordance with recognised arboricultural best practices.
- ✚ Protect trees, shrubs, hedgerows, and other vegetation that are to be retained throughout the planning and execution of our work.
- ✚ Minimise unnecessary tree removal by considering appropriate alternatives, such as pruning, crown reduction, or selective management, where these are suitable and safe.
- ✚ Ensure all works comply with relevant legislation, including Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), Conservation Area requirements, and any planning conditions or permissions that apply before work commences.
- ✚ Verify that the necessary permissions or consents have been obtained prior to undertaking works on protected trees.
- ✚ Take reasonable steps to prevent unnecessary damage to surrounding vegetation, soils, and root protection areas during operations.
- ✚ Encourage the planting of suitable replacement trees or vegetation where removal is necessary, taking into account the site, environmental considerations, and client requirements.
- ✚ Promote sustainable vegetation management practices that contribute to the long-term health, resilience, and preservation of the local environment.

Through these commitments, Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd aims to balance the needs of our clients with our responsibility to protect and enhance the natural environment for future generations.

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PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd recognises the importance of protecting wildlife, conserving biodiversity, and preserving the natural environment in all areas where we operate. We are committed to carrying out our work responsibly and taking reasonable steps to minimise any adverse impact on local ecosystems.

To support this commitment, the Company will:

- ✚ Conduct all tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, vegetation management, and fencing activities with due consideration for wildlife and the surrounding environment.
- ✚ Respect the legal protection afforded to nesting birds, protected species, and their habitats by carrying out visual inspections before commencing work and adapting work activities where necessary.
- ✚ Avoid unnecessary disturbance to wildlife, particularly during breeding and nesting seasons, and suspend or modify work where protected species or active nests are identified.
- ✚ Protect existing trees, hedgerows, watercourses, and other valuable habitats from unnecessary damage during the course of our operations.
- ✚ Encourage the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity by promoting responsible vegetation management practices and, where appropriate, recommending replacement planting or habitat-friendly landscaping solutions.
- ✚ Ensure employees understand their responsibilities for protecting wildlife and report any environmental concerns or protected species encountered during works to the Company Director before work continues.
- ✚ Comply with all applicable environmental and wildlife protection legislation and follow recognised industry best practice when undertaking work that may affect natural habitats.

Through these measures, Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd aims to minimise environmental impact while contributing positively to the protection and enhancement of biodiversity within the communities we serve.

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POLLUTION PREVENTION

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to preventing pollution arising from its operations and to minimising any adverse impact on the environment. We recognise that our activities have the potential to affect land, water, and air quality and therefore take appropriate measures to reduce environmental risks.

To achieve this, the Company will:

- ✚ Take all reasonably practicable steps to prevent fuel, oil, and hydraulic fluid spills from vehicles, machinery, and equipment by carrying out regular inspections, maintenance, and safe refuelling procedures.
- ✚ Store fuels, oils, lubricants, pesticides (where applicable), and other hazardous substances securely in suitable, clearly labelled containers and in accordance with relevant legal and environmental requirements.
- ✚ Ensure spill kits are available where appropriate and that employees are trained to respond promptly and effectively to accidental spills or leaks.
- ✚ Minimise dust generation during tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, fencing, and vegetation management activities by using appropriate working methods and controlling dust where reasonably practicable.
- ✚ Manage noise emissions by maintaining equipment in good working order, selecting suitable machinery for the task, and carrying out work during appropriate operating hours wherever possible.
- ✚ Reduce unnecessary vehicle and machinery emissions by maintaining equipment regularly, avoiding excessive engine idling, and promoting efficient working practices.
- ✚ Prevent pollutants, debris, fuels, chemicals, and waste materials from entering watercourses, drainage systems, or surrounding land by implementing appropriate control measures before, during, and after works.
- ✚ Dispose of waste materials, contaminated substances, and hazardous waste through authorised waste management facilities in accordance with applicable environmental legislation.
- ✚ Encourage all employees and contractors to report any environmental incident, pollution risk, or spill immediately so that appropriate corrective action can be taken without delay.

Through these measures, Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd aims to minimise pollution, protect the natural environment, and ensure that all operations are conducted responsibly and in compliance with applicable environmental legislation.

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Sustainable Use of Resources

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd recognises that the responsible use of natural and operational resources is essential to reducing our environmental impact and supporting sustainable business practices. We are committed to using resources efficiently while maintaining the high standards of service expected by our customers.

To achieve this, the Company will:

- ✚ Promote the efficient use of fuel by planning work schedules and travel routes to minimise unnecessary journeys, reducing vehicle emissions and fuel consumption wherever practicable.
- ✚ Conserve water by using it responsibly during landscaping, gardening, and cleaning activities, ensuring that unnecessary waste is avoided.
- ✚ Purchase and use materials responsibly by accurately assessing project requirements, reducing excess ordering, and making efficient use of timber, fencing materials, aggregates, and other resources.
- ✚ Where practical and commercially viable, source sustainable, recycled, or environmentally responsible products and materials from reputable suppliers.
- ✚ Reduce paper consumption by maintaining digital records, quotations, invoices, job sheets, and communications wherever possible, while ensuring any necessary paper documentation is used efficiently and recycled where appropriate.
- ✚ Encourage employees to use company resources responsibly and to identify opportunities for reducing waste and improving resource efficiency across all areas of the business.

Through these measures, Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd aims to minimise resource consumption, reduce waste, and continually improve the environmental sustainability of its operations.

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VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd recognises that the safe and efficient management of vehicles, machinery, and equipment plays an important role in reducing our environmental impact. We are committed to operating and maintaining our fleet and equipment in a responsible manner that supports environmental protection, workplace safety, and legal compliance.

To achieve this, the Company will:

- ✚ Carry out regular inspections, servicing, and maintenance of all vehicles, machinery, tools, and equipment in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations to ensure they operate safely, efficiently, and with reduced emissions.
- ✚ Operate vehicles and machinery responsibly by planning work efficiently, avoiding unnecessary journeys where practicable, and encouraging fuel-efficient driving and operating practices to minimise fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✚ Ensure all refuelling activities are undertaken safely and in designated areas where possible, using appropriate spill prevention measures to reduce the risk of fuel contamination to land, drains, and watercourses.
- ✚ Minimise unnecessary engine idling by switching off vehicle and machinery engines when they are not actively required for operational purposes, except where safety or operational requirements dictate otherwise.
- ✚ Use equipment responsibly by selecting the most appropriate machinery for each task, maintaining equipment in good working order, and ensuring operators are suitably trained to reduce excessive fuel consumption, noise, emissions, and unnecessary environmental disturbance.
- ✚ Promptly report and repair any vehicle or equipment faults that could increase emissions, create pollution risks, or compromise environmental performance.

Through these measures, Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd aims to reduce its environmental footprint while maintaining safe, reliable, and efficient operations across all areas of the business.

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EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

All employees, contractors, and subcontractors working on behalf of Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd are expected to actively support the Company's commitment to environmental protection and sustainable working practices.

Employees are responsible for:

Following Environmental Procedures: Complying with all Company environmental policies, site-specific requirements, and applicable environmental legislation while carrying out their duties.

Reporting Environmental Incidents: Promptly reporting any environmental incidents, spills, pollution events, damage to habitats, or any activity that could adversely affect the environment to the Company Director or designated supervisor.

Using Resources Responsibly: Making efficient use of materials, fuel, water, energy, and equipment, while taking reasonable steps to minimise waste and reduce unnecessary consumption.

Participating in Environmental Training: Attending environmental awareness training, toolbox talks, and other relevant instruction provided by the Company to ensure good environmental practices are understood and consistently applied.

Supporting Continuous Improvement: Contributing to the ongoing improvement of the Company's environmental performance by identifying opportunities to reduce environmental impacts, suggesting practical improvements, and cooperating with environmental initiatives and audits.

Every member of the workforce has a shared responsibility to protect the environment, work responsibly, and uphold the Company's environmental standards in all aspects of its operations.

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MONITORING AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to continually improving its environmental performance by regularly monitoring its activities, reviewing its practices, and identifying opportunities to reduce its environmental impact.

Reviewing Environmental Performance

The Company will periodically review its environmental performance to assess the effectiveness of this Policy and ensure that environmental objectives are being achieved. Reviews may consider waste management practices, resource consumption, compliance with environmental legislation, and the effectiveness of pollution prevention measures.

Identifying Opportunities for Improvement

We are committed to seeking practical opportunities to improve our environmental performance. This may include adopting more sustainable working methods, reducing waste, increasing recycling, improving fuel efficiency, selecting environmentally responsible materials where practicable, and enhancing operational efficiency.

Learning from Environmental Incidents

Any environmental incidents, near misses, complaints, or non-compliance issues will be recorded, investigated, and reviewed to determine their root cause. Where necessary, corrective and preventive actions will be implemented to minimise the likelihood of recurrence and to strengthen our environmental management practices.

Setting and Reviewing Environmental Objectives

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The Company will establish realistic and achievable environmental objectives that reflect the nature and scale of its operations. These objectives will be reviewed periodically to monitor progress and identify areas for further improvement. Objectives may include reducing waste sent to landfill, increasing

recycling rates, improving fuel efficiency, protecting local biodiversity, and ensuring ongoing compliance with applicable environmental legislation.

Through regular monitoring, staff engagement, and a commitment to continual improvement, Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd aims to operate responsibly while minimising the environmental impact of its tree surgery, landscaping, gardening, vegetation management, and fencing services.

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT REPORTING

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to preventing environmental harm and responding promptly to any environmental incident arising from our operations. All employees, contractors, and subcontractors have a responsibility to report environmental incidents immediately to enable appropriate action to be taken.

Reporting Environmental Incidents

Any environmental incident, whether actual or suspected, must be reported to the Company Director or the designated responsible person as soon as it is identified. Incidents may include, but are not limited to:

- ✚ Fuel, oil, or chemical spills.
- ✚ Leaks from vehicles, machinery, or equipment.
- ✚ Pollution of land, drains, watercourses, or surrounding environments.
- ✚ Improper disposal of waste or hazardous materials.
- ✚ Damage to protected habitats, trees, or wildlife.

Any event that has the potential to cause environmental harm or breach environmental legislation.

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Immediate Corrective Actions

Upon becoming aware of an environmental incident, appropriate measures will be taken without delay to minimise its impact. Depending on the nature of the incident, corrective actions may include:

- ✚ Stopping work where it is safe and appropriate to do so.
- ✚ Containing spills or leaks using suitable spill control equipment.
- ✚ Preventing contaminants from entering drains, watercourses, or surrounding land.
- ✚ Removing or isolating damaged equipment.
- ✚ Informing relevant authorities where required by law.
- ✚ Implementing emergency procedures to protect people and the environment.

Investigation and Preventive Measures

Every reported environmental incident will be investigated to determine its cause, assess the extent of any environmental impact, and identify opportunities to prevent recurrence. Following the investigation, the Company will:

- ✚ Identify the root cause of the incident.
- ✚ Implement appropriate corrective and preventive measures.
- ✚ Review existing procedures and risk controls.
- ✚ Provide additional training or guidance where necessary.
- ✚ Monitor the effectiveness of implemented improvements.

Record Keeping

All environmental incidents, regardless of severity, will be documented and retained as part of the Company's environmental management records. Records will include:

- ✚ Date, time, and location of the incident.
- ✚ Description of the incident.
- ✚ Persons involved.
- ✚ Environmental impacts identified.
- ✚ Corrective actions taken.
- ✚ Investigation findings.
- ✚ Preventive measures implemented.

Any notifications made to regulatory authorities. These records will be reviewed periodically to identify trends, support continual improvement, and demonstrate the Company's commitment to responsible environmental management and compliance with applicable environmental legislation.

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POLICY REVIEW

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to ensuring that this Environmental Policy remains effective, relevant, and aligned with current environmental legislation, industry best practices, and the Company's operational activities.

Frequency of Review

This Environmental Policy will be formally reviewed annually, or sooner where necessary, to reflect:

- ✚ Changes in applicable environmental legislation or regulatory requirements.
- ✚ Significant changes to the Company's operations, services, or organisational structure.
- ✚ Findings from environmental incidents, audits, inspections, or customer feedback.
- ✚ Opportunities to improve environmental performance and sustainability practices.

Responsibility for Maintaining and Updating the Policy

Overall responsibility for the implementation, maintenance, and periodic review of this Environmental Policy rests with the Company Director.

The Company Director is responsible for:

- ✚ Ensuring the policy remains compliant with relevant environmental legislation and industry standards.
- ✚ Communicating the policy to employees, contractors, and other relevant parties.
- ✚ Monitoring the effectiveness of the Company's environmental management practices.
- ✚ Reviewing environmental objectives and updating the policy where improvements are identified.
- ✚ Promoting environmental awareness and ensuring employees understand their responsibilities under this policy.

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Commitment to Continual Improvement

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to the principle of continual environmental improvement. We will regularly assess our environmental performance and implement practical measures to reduce our environmental impact wherever reasonably practicable.

This commitment includes:

- ✚ Reducing waste and increasing recycling opportunities.
- ✚ Improving the efficient use of fuel, materials, and other natural resources.
- ✚ Preventing pollution through responsible working practices.
- ✚ Protecting wildlife, trees, habitats, and the natural environment during our operations.
- ✚ Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour among all employees.
- ✚ Reviewing environmental objectives and performance to identify opportunities for ongoing improvement.

Through regular review, employee engagement, and responsible environmental management, we aim to deliver our services in a manner that supports the long-term protection of the environment while maintaining high standards of workmanship and customer service.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Environmental Policy Contact Information

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd is committed to conducting its operations in an environmentally responsible manner and continually improving its environmental performance. Questions, comments, or concerns relating to this Environmental Policy or the Company's environmental practices should be directed to the contact details below.

Company Name:

Branching out tree surgery landscaping and gardening ltd

Registered Office Address:

[Insert Registered Company Address]

Denbighshire, Wales

Telephone Number:

[Insert Company Telephone Number]

Email Address:

[Insert Company Email Address]

Environmental Policy Contact:

Company Director / Responsible Manager

The Environmental Policy Contact is responsible for overseeing the implementation, monitoring, and periodic review of this Environmental Policy. This includes ensuring compliance with applicable environmental legislation, promoting sustainable working practices, addressing environmental enquiries, and supporting continuous improvement in the Company's environmental performance.

The Company welcomes feedback from customers, employees, suppliers, contractors, and other stakeholders that may help enhance its environmental practices and commitment to responsible land management.