

## **Sustainability Statement**

LALG works towards sustainability of the environment, the local community and LALG itself.

## **Environmental sustainability**

LALG respects our local and wider environment by:

- Helping to maintain a clean environment – in partnership with the council, our [Blitz an Open Space group](#) collects over 400 sacks of litter each year.
- Raising awareness of environmental issues via our [Decarbonise Letchworth group](#)
- Embracing nature in our [gardening groups](#), [walking groups](#) and [Wildlife in Gardens, Town & Countryside](#)
- Encouraging members to meet in locations accessible by public transport; and encouraging car-sharing
- Encouraging online communication instead of paper – over 60% of our members receive the newsletter online only.
- Using sustainably sourced materials, for example in our Textile Art group
- <https://lalq.org.uk/textileart>

## **A sustainable local community**

We believe everybody can play their part in carving out a brighter future through connection, understanding, helping each other and we aim to develop active thriving communities. We support this by:

- Using local facilities to host meetings, supporting local businesses
- Hosting trips, outings and excursions
- Creating opportunities for finding out more and experiencing more locally
- Providing real solutions to social isolation
- Committing to our [Equality, Diversion and Inclusion policy](#), offering a warm welcome to all

## **Sustainability for LALG**

To ensure that LALG will continue to thrive, our committee:

- Refreshes its business strategy every 5 to 7 years
- Monitors its Risk Assessment plans twice a year
- Encourages succession planning within groups, and the committee itself
- Encourages [new ideas](#) to ensure LALG stays fresh and relevant