

Biddenham Village Hall

Environmental Policy

Introduction

The Biddenham Village Hall Management Committee considers the protection of the environment to be of major importance. Environmental protection is an integral part of efficient management of the Committee's activities. High standards are to be applied by all those who work in or use the Hall, complying with all legislation, codes of practice and official guidance relevant to environmental protection.

The Management Committee will promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection by ensuring Biddenham Village Hall users, volunteers and staff are familiar with this environmental commitment and its objectives as follows:

Energy and Water

Ensure energy is used efficiently and wherever possible reduce its use

Use water efficiently and with care

Avoid pollutants entering the drainage system.

Waste

Reduce production of material waste including unnecessary packaging and single use plastic

Encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials

Use clear systems for waste recycling and disposal. Separate rubbish from recycling materials, and dispose of both in a safe and responsible way.

Materials and Resources

Buy products, including cleaning materials which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way and use locally-made goods where practicable

Take into account the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises

Reduce use of paper while maximising that from sustainable sources and recycled material

Use electronic communication as an alternative to paper whenever possible

Support local businesses where possible and allow them the opportunity to quote for work.

Natural Environment

Conserve and enhance the immediate natural environment surrounding the Hall

Be sensitive to the impact of activities on the local environment, such as traffic, noise and general disturbance. Users will be reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement and the sound limiter will be kept in good condition

Travel

Encourage users of the Hall to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport where practical

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Implementation, monitoring and review

The Village Hall Management Committee is committed to a programme of raising awareness to facilitate behaviours that reduce the environmental impact of the Village Hall.

The Village Hall's environmental performance will be reviewed approximately every eighteen months in winter and summer. A copy of the Policy will be displayed in the Hall and made available on the Biddenham Village Hall's website.

All those hiring Biddenham Village Hall will be expected to confirm that they are aware of this Policy and that their own activities and use of the Hall are in conformity with it.

This Policy will be reviewed annually.

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