

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

The Trustees of All Saints Village Hall consider the protection of the environment to be of major importance. Environmental protection is perceived to be an integral part of efficient management in every sphere of All Saints Village Hall’s activities. High standards are to be applied by all those who work in or use the Hall or are in any other way operating under the auspices of the Trustees, complying with legislation, codes of practice and official guidance relevant to environmental protection in particular with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and The Environment Act.

**Environmental policy measures:**

The Village Hall Trustees will try to ensure:

Awareness and Commitment

* Promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection.
* Ensure that the trustees, members, volunteers and users are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and its objectives.
* Ensure that the Village Hall and activities associated with it comply with all relevant environmental regulations.

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 the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging.
* Dispose of waste in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.
* Encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic food and garden waste.
* Avoid single-use plastics wherever possible.

Materials and Resources

* Where possible, buy or otherwise obtain products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way, using locally made goods where practicable.
* Consider the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises.
* Maximise the proportion of paper used from sustainable sources and recycled materials.
* Offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper for those who are suitably equipped.

Natural Environment

* Take appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural environment surrounding the Village Hall.
* Be sensitive to the impact of activities on the local environment.

Travel

* Make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting. from the use of motorised vehicles by avoidance of unnecessary travel and, if possible, by using energy efficient vehicles.
* Encourage users of the Village Hall to travel on foot or by cycle as much as possible.
* If travelling by car, encourage the sharing of transport where possible.

**Implementation, monitoring and review**

Implementation of the policy will be undertaken by the Village Hall Trustees annually.

The policy and its implementation will be monitored and reviewed regularly.

A copy of the policy will be displayed in the Village Hall and made available on the Village Hall website.

All those hiring the Village Hall will be expected to make themselves aware of this policy and that their own activities and use of the Hall are in conformity with it wherever possible.

**Review: October 2024**