

## **SHALFORD VILLAGE HALL : ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

### **General**

The Management Committee of Shalford Village Hall considers the protection of the environment to be of major importance; and regards environmental protection as an integral part of efficient management.

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 Management Committee, 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 1995.

### **Environmental policy measures**

The Village Hall Management Committee will:

#### Awareness and Commitment

- promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection
- ensure that Village Hall users and contractors are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and its objective
- 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 responsible way

#### Materials and Resources

- buy products 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
- 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 the car by avoidance of unnecessary travel and the use of energy efficient vehicles
- encourage users of the Village Hall to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport as much as possible
- encourage the sharing of transport where possible.

### **Implementation, monitoring and review**

Implementation of the policy will be the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee.

The policy and its implementation will be monitored and reviewed periodically

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