

Hovingham Village Hall

Environmental Policy

Hovingham Village Hall Committee will where reasonably possible:

- 1) Make the most efficient use of energy. It will reasonably endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating and lighting. It will from time to time review its energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and where possible eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will request hirers to be mindful of conserving energy, e.g. by closing doors.
- 2) Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport as alternatives to the private car.
- 3) Minimise and where reasonably possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 4) Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g. through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use. It will communicate to users the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use.
- 5) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as reasonably possible and, if this is impractical, disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage users to minimise waste, including the provision of separate disposal facilities for recycling glass, tins and paper.
- 6) It will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber. It will encourage volunteers and hirers to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- 7) To endeavour to promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising user awareness and by information provision.
- 8) It will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- 9) Protect the health and well-being of all visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Hovingham Village Hall.

10) Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.