

Bassingham Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Bassingham Village Hall Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment.

Bassingham Village Hall Committee will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

1. Make the most efficient use of energy. It will make reasonable endeavours to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. It will from time to time review its energy sources, energy forms, and energy efficiency with a view to causing least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate as appropriate to hirers and staff the means by which energy may be conserved.
2. Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport as alternatives to the private car. It will seek to provide safe cycle storage.
3. Minimise and where possible eliminate, all forms of pollution.
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 purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to users and staff the means by which water may be conserved.
5. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will do this by re-using and recycling existing materials as far as possible and, if the former are impractical, disposal by a means that will have least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements.
6. It will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, the use of building materials from sustainable sources, methods of construction that make best use of resources and designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency. It will communicate to users and staff means by which the building may be used and operated correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
7. Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising user and staff awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community.
8. It will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise transport.
9. Protect the health and well-being of all staff and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of the Bassingham village hall.
10. Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.