

## **Preamble**

The Committee of Clapham-cum-Newby Village Hall is committed to environmental issues and is keen to adopt recognised standards and best practices to ensure the continued improvement of the local environment.

## **Version and modification history**

This is version 1.0 of the policy, approved in January 2026. It will be reviewed by the committee periodically to ensure that we conform to the latest legislation and best practices, and that we highlight and address any areas of concern.

## **Policy**

The Committee of Clapham-cum-Newby Village Hall will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the day-to-day decision-making processes across all of its services and activities and will seek to:

- 1) Make the most efficient use of energy. We will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of our heating, lighting and appliances. We will from time to time review the energy usage and costs, using energy efficiency as a means of reducing our environmental impact. If we have to replace equipment, or purchase new equipment, then energy usage will be considered when making decisions.
- 2) Reduce and, where possible, eliminate all forms of wastewater or airborne pollution, by using biodegradable chemicals and minimizing the use of solvents and other toxic materials.
- 3) Minimise noise pollution. Users will be reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement and 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 wastewater it generates will be disposed of in a manner which meets any statutory requirements. We will advise all users of the need to conserve water, e.g. by ensuring taps are turned off after use. We will address any leaks at the earliest opportunity.
- 5) Avoid waste and encourage appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. We will wherever possible recycle materials and dispose of waste in the correct manner. We will advise all users to make correct use of waste bins e.g. separating recyclable from non-recyclable waste and disposing of them appropriately.
- 6) We will ensure that the potential environmental impacts of any major refurbishment or building works are fully assessed and minimised. We will ensure that we meet all aspects of environmental legal compliance to make the best use of resources, design and efficiency. Wherever possible the use of sustainable materials such as wood will be favoured.
- 7) We will seek wherever possible to purchase from local or regional suppliers in order to minimize carbon emissions from transport.