ENVIROMENTAL POLICY

 LITTLE DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

Little Downham Village Hall Trustees aim to reduce the environmental impact of our operations by complying with all relevant or national requirements and being mindful of the environmental effects on our activities.

The Trustees will ensure the environmental priorities are integrated into decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

1) Make the most efficient use of energy. It will endeavour to use minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting and equipment. It will work with suppliers to use renewable energy where possible. It will communicate to hall staff, volunteers and users how to use less energy e.g turning lights off when leaving a room.

2) Encourage those using the hall to walk or by providing safe cycle storage. Staff and volunteers endeavour to keep their private car journeys to a minimum.

3) Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints.

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 ensure speedy repair of leakage and discourage excessive of water e.g. turning taps off after use.

5) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate re-use, and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements.

6) When purchasing new appliances and systems, it will seek good which are low impact, use sustainably sourced materials, including recycled materials where possible.

7) 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 makes best use of resources: designs which result in low maintenance and hight efficiency.

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

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