



Norton Village Hall

Environment Policy

Norton Village Hall Management Committee (NVHMC) is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment; it will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into all its services and will seek to:

- Use energy efficiently. 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 eliminate unnecessary use. It will communicate to hirers and staff the means by which energy can be conserved e.g. closing doors, switching off unnecessary lighting.
- Encourage those using the hall to walk or cycle. It will provide cycle parking so that bicycles can be left securely parked.
- Minimise all forms of pollution, using biodegradable products and encouraging hirers to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- Use the minimum quantity of water consistent with good hygiene and dispose of water in the purest condition possible. It will reduce leakage and avoid unnecessary use, e.g. through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use and by using spring-loaded taps.
- Avoid waste and encourage appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. If this is impractical, materials will be disposed of in a way which minimises the impact on the environment. It will encourage users and staff to minimise waste and will make provision for separate disposal of paper, metal and glass.
- It will ensure that any building projects have the least possible impact on the environment. Methods of construction should make best use of resources and designs should be consistent with low maintenance and high energy efficiency. It will encourage users and staff to operate the building correctly to minimise waste and conserve energy.
- It will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.

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