



Norton Village Hall Management Committee

Environmental 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 eg, closing doors, switching off unnecessary lighting.
- Encourage those using the hall to walk or cycle. Bike rack outside the village hall installed to encourage bike riding.
- 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, eg through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use.
- 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. Users will be encouraged to dispose of their own waste in an environmental way.
- 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.
- It will monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.

Review of Policy

The Management Committee will review this policy annually after the AGM.