

Blewbury Village Hall Executive Management Committee - Environmental Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Blewbury Village Hall Executive Management Committee aims to carry out its activities with environmental efficiency, actively seeking to protect and enhance the local environment within its area of operation whilst endeavouring to ensure wider adverse environmental impact does not occur as a result.

AIMS

In all its activities the Village Hall Executive Management Committee will aim to:

- Use energy, natural resources and non-renewable resources efficiently and strive to minimise waste, pollution & cost.
- Inform residents of the Committee's environmental activities and respond and react to feedback.
- Encourage & support individual behaviour change in residents, leading by example and supporting environmentally friendly activities.

PRINCIPLES

Blewbury Village Hall Executive Management Committee will strive to:

1. Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
2. Regularly update and improve standards in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
3. Avoid the creation of unnecessary waste by adhering to a policy of considered, strategic purchasing.
4. Recycle and reuse waste materials where possible.
5. Dispose of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.
6. Encourage the responsible use of energy.
7. Respect and protect natural resources by practising conservation and good management.
8. Encourage contractors and suppliers to minimise their impact on the environment.
9. Encourage its members and employees to take responsibility for ensuring that the best environmental policy is used and adhered to at all times.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS

Climate Change and Energy Conservation

The Committee will monitor its energy use and improve upon energy efficiency within its buildings by adopting energy-saving measures and equipment. The Committee will increase awareness of energy efficiency and encourage energy-conserving behaviour amongst Hall users and contractors.

Water

Water will be used efficiently for Committee activities and on Committee premises.

Waste

The Committee will minimise its waste production wherever possible, by reducing, repairing and reusing resources, and by recycling the waste its activities produce, where facilities exist. Rubbish will be disposed of safely, following the correct procedures, and only licensed contractors will be used to deal with hazardous wastes. The Committee fully endorses the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle campaign.

Transport

The Committee will continue to encourage sustainable transport systems within the Village, such as cycling and walking.

Asbestos

The committee will comply with the latest asbestos policies

Biodiversity and Green Spaces

The Committee will, wherever possible, consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity in all its activities, but particularly with regard to the management of its land.