

Environmental Policy for Bonsall Village Hall **Management Committee**



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Bonsall Village Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment.

Bonsall Village Hall Management Committee will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services 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 heating, lighting, plant and machinery and giving preference to renewable resources where possible. Solar panels have been installed on the roof with a lithium-ion phosphate battery to reduce our energy bills and impact on the environment.
- 2) Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 3) Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with activities and ensure that the water we use is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. We will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. We will communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use.
- 4) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. We 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. We will encourage users and volunteers to minimise waste.
- 5) Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber.
- 6) Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues.
- 7) Purchase from local or regional suppliers, where possible, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- 8) Protect the health and well-being of all users, volunteers and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Bonsall Village Hall.