



## **Kilmersdon Village Hall Environmental Policy**

Kilmersdon Village Hall Management Committee (“the Committee”) is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment.

The 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. It will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting. 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 excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to hirers and staff the means by which energy may be conserved.
- 2) Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 3) 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 reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g. through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use.
- 4) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, 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. It will encourage users and staff to minimise waste.
- 5) It will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- 6) Protect the health and well-being of all staff and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Kilmersdon Village Hall.
- 7) Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.

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