

East Goscote Village Hall



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Environmental Policy

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East Goscote Village Hall Environmental Policy

Introduction

East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. It is committed to complying with relevant legislation and reducing the Hall's environmental impact.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Village Hall's Climate Action Plan (last updated November 2024).

Actions to reduce the Village Hall's Environmental Impact

East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will consider the following.

1. Awareness and Commitment

- Promote awareness and responsibility of the principles and objectives of environment protection.
- Ensure that the Committee, the Parish Council, Volunteers and Users are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and its objectives.
- Ensure that the Village Hall and activities associated with it, comply with relevant environmental regulations.
- Protect the health and well-being of all users and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of East Goscote Village Hall.

2. Energy and Water Usage

- Make the most efficient use of energy through endeavouring to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of heating, lighting, plant and machinery.
- From time to time, review energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. Monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
- Communicate to hirers and volunteers the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors.
- Reduce consumption of fossil fuels and incorporate long term strategies for energy efficiency within planning and development.

- Seek to use 'green' energy suppliers or tariffs where it makes economic sense.
- Use water efficiently and with care, using the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with the activities being carried out.
- Communicate to all users the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use.
- Avoid pollutants entering the drainage system

3. Waste

- Reduce production of material waste including unnecessary packaging and single use plastic.
- Encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic waste.
- Separate refuse and recycling material, and dispose of both in a safe and responsible way; utilising the wheelie bins available for all users.

4. Materials and Resources

- Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects are 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.
- By-products, including cleaning materials which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way and use locally-made goods where practicable.
- Take into account the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises.
- Where possible, offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper.
- Where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community, micro businesses and minimise carbon emissions from transport.

5. Natural Environment

- Take appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural environment surrounding the Village Hall.
- Be sensitive to the impact of activities on the local environment, such as traffic, noise and general disturbance.
- Users will be reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement and encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.

6. Travel

- Make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting from the use of vehicles by avoiding unnecessary travel and encouraging the use of energy efficient vehicles.
- Encourage users of the Hall to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport as much as possible.
- Encourage the sharing of transport.

Monitoring and Review

East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee will monitor, review, and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of noncompliance.