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| **WILLINGHAM BY STOW VILLAGE HALL**  **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY** |
| **General** |
| The Trustees of Willingham Village Hall consider the protection of the environment to be of major importance. Environmental protection is perceived to be an integral part of efficient management in every sphere of the Village Hall’s activities. High standards are to be applied by all those who work in or use the Hall, or are in any other way operating under the auspices of the Trustees, complying with legislation, codes of practice and official guidance relevant to environmental protection in particular with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and The Environment Act |
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| **Environmental policy measures** |
| The Village Hall Trustees will ensure: |
| *Awareness and Commitment*  promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection  ensure that the trustees, members, 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 all relevant environmental regulations |
| *Energy and Water*  ensure energy is used efficiently and wherever possible reduce its use  use water efficiently and with care  avoid pollutants entering the drainage system |
| *Waste*  reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic food and garden waste dispose of waste in a safe and responsible manner |
| *Materials and Resources*  buy or otherwise obtain products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way  use locally-made goods where practicable  take into account the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises  maximise the proportion of paper used from sustainable sources and recycled materials  offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper for those who are suitably equipped |
| *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 |
| *Travel*  make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting from the use of motorised vehicles by avoidance of unnecessary travel and by using energy efficient vehicles  encourage users of the Village Hall to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport as much as possible  encourage the sharing of transport where possible. |
| **Implementation, monitoring and review** |
| The implementation of the policy will be undertaken by the Village Hall. |
| The policy will be monitored and reviewed regularly. |
| A copy of this policy will be made available on the Village Hall website. A printed copy can be made available on request. |
| ***All those hiring the Village Hall will be expected to confirm that they are aware of this policy and that their own***  ***activities and use of the Hall are in conformity with it.***  ***Reviewed – date September 2024*** |