



Isle Abbotts Village Environmental Policy

Our Mission

Isle Abbotts Village Hall Committee are committed to working with all sections of our community to achieve the true potential of Isle Abbotts as a desirable place to live and work in.

This policy sets out how Isle Abbotts Village Hall Committee, in its management role of Isle Abbotts Village Hall, is committed to maintaining respect for natural resources, complying with relevant legislation and promoting high standards of environmental management.

Objectives

We have identified the key aspects of the environment that are potentially affected by the Village Hall and its users and which are capable of being controlled:

- The use of natural resources (including energy, water) emission of pollutants to atmosphere or ground.
- Use of unfriendly materials and chemicals.
- General waste
- Noise
- Procurement of materials and skills

Use of Natural Resources

Efficient use of energy and water will be achieved through the use of energy efficient light bulbs, ensuring that the heating and electrical systems are maintained and upgraded as appropriate. Through ensuring appropriate roof and floor insulation.

Ensuring that toilets and taps are maintained to prevent water wastage, where practicable to plan for the installation of dual flush cisterns to be fitted to the toilets.

Through generally encouraging good practice in the use of energy and water.

Displaying posters as appropriate as reminders to use water sparingly and to turn off lights and heating appliances when not required.

Users will be encouraged to use cutlery and crockery provided in the kitchen rather than bringing disposable items to reduce the consumption of materials.



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Emissions of Pollutants

Notices in the kitchen will remind users not to dispose of unsuitable substances (fats, oils, contaminants) into sinks or drains.

We will ensure the use of environmentally friendly products and eliminate the use of environmentally exploitative products such as tropical hardwoods.

Waste

Minimise, where possible the creation of waste, especially hazardous waste and where practicable will encourage re use of materials. Cutlery and crockery will be used as opposed to disposables where practicable.

Dedicated storage bins will be provided for the collection of recyclable materials. Users will be educated in the system of waste recycling and disposal.

We will dispose of waste through safe and responsible methods in compliance with the relevant environmental legislation, where safe, legal and practical to do so.

Noise

We will seek to minimise noise. Users will be reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement.

Regular community consultation will allow the views of neighbours to be heard, facilities will be put into place to enable that we are able to understand and respond to community concerns.

Materials and skills

We will actively seek the purchase of materials locally and the appointment of local contractors when ever such materials and skills exist locally. Procurement decisions will be based upon both environmental factors and value for money.

The Village Hall Committee is committed to a programme of raising awareness and facilitating change in behaviours in order to reduce the environmental impact of the Village Hall. The Committee will encourage all members and volunteers to take responsibility for the implementation of the environmental policy and to encourage other organisations to adopt good practices to improve the environmental performance of their organisation.

Initiatives will be published on the website, newsletters and Village Hall notice boards.