

Bucklesham & Foxhall Village Hall Committee Environment Policy

The policy sets out how Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall Committee (the Committee), in its role as management body of the Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall, is committed to complying with relevant legislation and reducing the Village Hall's environmental impact. It details a commitment to periodic monitoring and review of progress and the aspiration towards continuous improvement. Not only are the physical facilities and systems of the Village Hall covered by this policy but all aspects of the Village Hall's operations and user activities. We will review annually and look for future improvements.

Use of Natural Resources

- Efficient use of energy and water will be achieved through encouraging users to be prudent in their use of the heating and water systems, and through adapting and/or replacing fixtures.
- Energy-efficient light bulbs have been fitted throughout the building where possible and the conversion of all other fittings to be able to take such bulbs will be considered.
- Fitting daylight shutoff and movement sensors to external lights.
- Dual flush cisterns have been fitted in all toilets.
- Posters are on display in key locations to encourage users to use water sparingly and to turn off lights and heating applications when not required.
- Users are encouraged to use cutlery and crockery provided rather than bringing disposable items to reduce the consumption of materials.

Emissions of Pollutants

- Plants are serviced regularly to ensure that atmospheric emissions comply with legislation.
- Notices in the kitchen remind users not to dispose of unsuitable substances (fats, oils, etc) into the water environment through the sinks and drains.
- We encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use public transport as alternatives to the private car. We will seek to provide safe cycle storage and we do provide information about public transport in the hall.

Waste

- Waste minimisation is encouraged through the use of permanent, not disposable, crockery and cutlery.
- Dedicated storage bins are provided for the collection of recyclable materials.
- Users are notified of the system of waste recycling and disposal.

Noise

- Users are reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement.
- Regular community consultation allows the views of neighbours to be heard.
- A dedicated member of the Village Management Committee acts as the point of contact for residents' comments and queries and it is a condition of the hiring facilities that the Village Hall Management Committee has the authority to stop an event or reduce its noise impact (through disabling music systems etc) if unacceptable disturbance is being caused.

Implementation

The Committee is committed to a programme of raising awareness to facilitate a change in behaviour in order to reduce the environmental impact of the Village Hall. This information is to be issued with hire agreements and displayed within the Village Hall and on Parish Council notice boards in Bucklesham.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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