

# BUCKLESHAM VILLAGE HALL

*HELD IN TRUST BY BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The policy sets out how Bucklesham Parish Council (the Sole Trustee), in its role as management body of the Bucklesham 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 appliances 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**

- The heating boiler is serviced annually 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 have provided safe cycle storage in the car park.

### **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.
- It is a condition of the hiring agreement that the Parish Council has the authority to stop an event or reduce its noise impact (through disabling music systems etc) if unacceptable disturbance is being caused.

The Council 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.

**Signed on behalf of the Parish Council acting as Sole Trustee**

*Clive Lenton*

Clive Lenton, Parish Council Chair

Date 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Reviewed at each Annual General Meeting

Date of next meeting, April 2027