



Environmental Policy

Grampound Village Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment and will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its amenities and will seek to:

- 1) Make the most efficient use of energy. It will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting and sundry equipment. It will, from time to time, review its energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to hirers, staff and volunteers the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors, turning heating and lights off when not in use
- 2) Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport as alternatives to the private car. It will continue to provide cycle storage and information about public transport on publicity materials, when appropriate.
- 3) Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 4) Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use.
- 5) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. *Recycling bins?*
- 6) It will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building and/or maintenance project will be 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. It will encourage volunteers, hirers and staff to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- 7) Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising user awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community.