

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

General

The Management Committee of Ombersley Memorial Hall considers 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 Committee'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 Hall, 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 1995.

Environmental Policy Measures

Awareness and Commitment

- Promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection
- Ensure that the Hall staff, 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 – conserve where possible
- 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 waste
- Dispose of waste in a safe and responsible way

Materials and Resources

- Buy products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way and 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 the car by avoidance of unnecessary travel and use of energy efficient vehicles