



Environmental Policy

Introduction

Fairford Community Centre Management Committee and trustees are committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. We are committed to complying with relevant legislation and reducing the centre's environmental impact.

Actions to reduce Fairford Community Centre's environmental impact.

The Management Committee and trustees of the centre will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

- 1) Make the most efficient use of energy. We will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of heating, lighting, and appliances. We will, from time to time, review energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. We will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. We endeavour to add secondary glazing to all single pane glass, insulate all pipes and add draft excluders to external doors. We will communicate to all users the means by which energy may be conserved including ensuring all external doors remain closed in the colder months.
- 2) Minimise all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints.
- 3) Minimise noise pollution. Users will be reminded of their responsibility to the local community within the hire agreement and encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 4) Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with activities and ensure that the water used is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. We will communicate to all users the need to conserve water e.g. including the importance of turning taps off after use.
- 5) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. We 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. We will encourage all users to minimise waste.
- 6) We will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects 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. We will encourage hirers and users to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- 7) We will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- 8) The newly installed cycle racks in the church yard will enable users to safely and securely cycle to the centre. We will encourage all users if possible to travel via foot, cycle or car share to reduce air pollution resulting from the use of vehicles.

Monitoring and Review

Fairford Community Centre Management Committee and trustees will monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of noncompliance.