



# Environmental Policy

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### 3. Purpose

This policy is in place to ensure the Breedon Parish Hall Management Committee fulfil the moral duties for environmental management. The scope and responsibility of the environmental management is outlined in this policy and aims to ensure the Parish Hall minimises its impact upon the environment thereby fulfilling its aim to strive for a healthy community and planet.

### 4. Policy Principles

The Breedon Parish Hall Management Committee 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. Regular review of its energy sources and energy using appliances will be undertaken to ensure energy efficiency. It will aim to use the minimum quantity of energy required, in accordance with the safe and efficient operations of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. In line with this it will monitor energy consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to users and staff how energy may be conserved.
2. 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 communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water were possible.
3. Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible and minimising use of the solvents. Users and staff will be encouraged to be mindful of noise and light pollution, especially at night.
4. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate re-use and recycling of resources. Ensure materials will be recycled and re-used as far as possible or disposed of by a means which will have the least impact on the environment, and conform with statutory requirements. It will advocate users and staff to avoid single use plastic and minimise food waste where possible. Further it will provide separate disposal facilities for recycling glass, plastic, tins, and cardboard/paper.
5. It will seek where possible to purchase from local or regional suppliers to support the local community and to minimise carbon emissions from transport.
6. It will provide cycle storage and information about public transport on publicity materials to encourage the use of alternatives to the private car.
7. It will work to enhance its outside space were feasible to improve biodiversity through planting and the support of local wildlife.
8. It will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. Including where possible ensuring the methods of construction make the best use of resources, materials used are from sustainable sources and the design prioritises energy efficiency.
9. It will monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year. It will review this policy annually.

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