

IVER HEATH VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
Registered Charity No 300285

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AIMS OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

To promote high standards of environmental management;

To minimise or eliminate harmful impacts on the environment.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS POLICY

- Maintain respect for natural resources by ensuring the most efficient use of materials and by using renewable, recycled and recyclable products wherever possible;
- Ensure the use of environmentally friendly products.
- Minimise, where possible the creation of waste, and wherever possible, recycle or reuse materials; dispose of all wastes through safe and responsible methods in compliance with the relevant environmental legislation;
- Ensure the responsible use of energy in the operation of the Iver Heath Village Hall by conserving energy, improving energy efficiency, seeking to utilise safer energy sources and giving preference to renewable over finite energy resources wherever possible;

ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES

- The management committee will monitor and co-ordinate its environmental performance;
- Communicate the environmental policy and provide support to users to ensure its effective implementation;
- Conduct periodic environmental reviews and self-evaluation of its compliance with the environmental policy;

With regard to the purchase of goods and services, Iver Heath Village Hall Committee shall:

- Support and encourage contractors, suppliers and other relevant partners to minimise their impact on the environment through the communication of the organisation's environmental policy and strategic purchasing and contract policies;
- Use and specify the use of used, reclaimed or recycled materials wherever appropriate and possible;
- Actively seek the purchase of materials locally and the appointment of local contractors whenever such materials and skills exist locally (within the requirements of a charity spending public funds) of the securing value for money.

Cleaning Materials

Ensure that cleaning materials are biodegradable and where possible specify phosphate free detergents.

Check to see if appliances contain modern energy efficient devices e.g. refrigerators and freezers.

Batteries

Where portability is not an issue mains electricity should be used

Use solar powered appliances where possible

Consider using re-chargeable batteries

Exterior

Avoid the use of artificial fertilisers or pesticides will be avoided.

Pruning of the hedges and planting should not be undertaken in spring or summer.

Increase planting whenever possible.

With regard to improvement works to the fabric of the building Iver Heath Village Hall Committee shall:

- Increase heat insulation whenever possible.
- Consider alternative forms of energy.
- Include timers whenever possible.

The management committee will encourage users, volunteers and members of other community organisations to adopt good practices so as to improve the environmental performance of their organisation and improve its impact upon the environment.

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