

Alderholt Village Hall

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Environment Policy

Alderholt Village Hall is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment.

We will ensure environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions we take on all 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 our heating, lighting, plant and machinery. We will, from time to time, review our energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. We will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive use. We will communicate to hirers and volunteers the means by which energy can be conserved e.g. by closing doors and turning off lights.
- 2 Encourage those using the hall to walk or cycle and to use public transport as alternatives to the private car.
- 3 Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals, minimising the use of solvents and lead-based paints. Our Standard Conditions of Hire encourage hirers to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 4 Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with our activities and ensure that the water we use is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. We will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive use or unnecessary use, by avoiding unnecessary flushing of the urinals when the hall is not in use. We will communicate to users the need to conserve water and to turn off kitchen taps after use.
- 5 Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, reuse and recycling of resources. We will re-use materials as far as possible and, if this is impracticable, dispose by means with the least impact on the environment, conforming to statutory requirements. We will encourage users and staff to minimise waste, including provision of separate disposal facilities for recycling glass, tins and paper.

- 6 We will ensure the potential environmental impact of any building project is assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make the best use of resources, designs which will result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency. We will encourage use and operation of 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 volunteer and user awareness, by providing information and open consultation with the local community.
- 8 We will seek, where possible, to purchase from local and regional suppliers, in order to maximise input into the local community and minimize carbon emissions from transport.
- 9 Protect the health and well-being of all volunteers and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Alderholt Village Hall.
- 10 Monitor, review and, where possible, improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.

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