

Lydbury North Village Hall

Environmental Policy

Introduction

The Lydbury North Village Hall Management Committee (LNVHMC) recognises that the Hall impacts on the environment through its routine activities, building management and its effects on the wider community. It acknowledges a responsibility for the protection of the environment at all levels and is committed to complying with all relevant legislation and reducing the Hall's environmental impact. The hall was opened in 2014 and was constructed to the highest environmental standards of the time – including wall and roof insulation, motion sensitive lighting in lobbies, and solar panels. The car park extension uses porous tarmac (to avoid water run-off), pumps to take away excess water ingress from neighbouring land and a water attenuation tank to control surface water outflow. Environmental responsibility remains a key objective for the village hall.

Actions to reduce the Village Hall's environmental impact

LNVHMC will ensure that environmental priorities and considerations are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

1) Make the most efficient use of energy

It will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and appliances and the requirements of its users. It will aim to reduce consumption of fossil fuels and consider long term strategies for energy efficiency within its planning and development. Regular reviews of energy sources, energy-using appliances and energy efficiency will be undertaken. It will monitor consumption, eliminate excessive or unnecessary use and encourage users to conserve energy wherever possible.

2) Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution - using biodegradable chemicals where possible, minimising or eliminating use of solvents. Users of the hall will always be reminded of their responsibility to the local community and encouraged to avoid creating excessive noise pollution, especially at night.

3) Use the least amount of water possible to service the requirements and needs of its customers and ensure that all water used is both supplied and disposed of in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will minimise leakage, checking for dripping taps/ cisterns regularly and promoting the need to conserve water.

4) Avoid waste and encourage appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible but where essential arrange disposal by a means which will have least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage all users to