

# Tatsfield Village Hall Environmental Policy

Care for the environment and for sustainability, is the responsibility of Tatsfield Village Hall Management Committee and of all hirers, contractors and visitors to the hall.

In line with the Charity's object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit it is the Village Hall's policy to protect the immediate environment and to mitigate the effects of climate change.

To this end, as far as is practicable, the Management Committee will:

## **Conserve**

### **Water**

- Cisternisers are installed in the gentlemen's toilets.
- A water butt collects rainwater for the watering of plants in the walkways and car park.
- The water supply to the outside tap is turned off when not in use.
- Water is metered and consumption monitored regularly.

### **Electricity**

- Energy efficient fluorescent dimmable lighting is installed in the main hall.
- Elsewhere all lights are LED.
- Motion sensors are installed in all ground floor rooms to ensure that lights are only on when the room is occupied.
- External lights are controlled by light level sensors and timers.
- A dishwasher is installed for both energy and water economy.
- A hot water dispenser, which is more energy efficient and wastes less water than a kettle, is installed in the kitchen.
- Purchasing policy favours A (or higher) rated appliances. The refrigerator is A+ rated.
- Conditions of Hire state that appliances must be unplugged when the Hall is vacated. Conditions of Hire stipulate that regular users close the main entrance doors once their sessions have started.

### **Gas**

- The main hall heating is controlled by thermostat and by a timed programme which can be overridden for one hour but not altered by unauthorised users.
- The gas boiler and the gas cooker are serviced annually to ensure that they run efficiently.
- Windows in the main hall are A+ rated with low emissivity glass and warm edge spacer bars.

## **Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle**

### **Paper**

- Paper products purchased are manufactured from recycled pulp or FSC certified.
- Paper printed on one side only is re-used.

- All printing is double-sided.
- Waste paper is collected for recycling.
- Airblade dryers are installed in the toilets to avoid the use of paper towels as well as to reduce the environmental cost of laundry.

### **Packaging**

The purchasing policy is to favour efficiently packaged products.

### **Equipment**

- Equipment is maintained and repaired rather than replaced.
- Items are shared, borrowed or lent between local groups.

### **Timber**

Any wooden products purchased are sourced from sustainably managed forests.

### **Batteries**

Used batteries and printer cartridges are sent for recycling.

### **Localisation**

Local suppliers and contractors, preferably located in the village but otherwise within a short radius, are favoured.

### **Fairtrade**

Tatsfield has Fairtrade village status. Tatsfield Village Hall supports Fairtrade and whenever possible purchases Fairtrade certified goods and consumables, which are produced in accordance with prescribed environmental standards.

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