



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Tideswell Community Hall Management Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment and 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. 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 machinery. It will, from time to time, review its energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to hirers and staff the means by which energy may be conserved,
2. Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport as alternatives to the car, seeking to provide safe cycle storage and, where appropriate, add information re public transport on publicity materials.
3. Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and eliminating the use of lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
4. 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 reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water e.g., turning taps off after use.
5. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use, and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage users and volunteers to minimise waste.
6. It will ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources where practicable. It will encourage volunteers and hirers to use and operate 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 user and volunteer awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community.
8. It will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.



9. Protect the health and well-being of all users, volunteers and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Tideswell Community Hall.
10. Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.

Changes to this Policy

The management committee will update this policy / document in line with legislation, guidance, and operational issues in a timely manner. This document is revision controlled and all updates are to be noted in the revision notes section below.

Policy Adoption

Tideswell and District Voluntary Youth Club Committee formally adopted this policy March 2022 for the purposes of managing the bookings and operations for Tideswell Community Hall.

Revisions –

Revision	Date	Notes