

# Shearsby Village Hall Executive Management Committee - Environmental Policy

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Shearsby Village Hall Charitable Trust aims to carry out its activities with environmental efficiency, actively seeking to protect and enhance the local environment within its area of operation whilst endeavoring to ensure wider adverse environmental impacts do not occur as a result.

## **AIMS**

In all its activities the Shearsby Village Hall Charitable Trust will aim to:

- Use energy, natural resources and non-renewable resources efficiently and strive to minimize waste, pollution & cost.
- Inform residents of the Committee's environmental activities and respond and react to feedback.
- Encourage & support individual behavior change in residents, leading by example and supporting environmentally friendly activities.

## **PRINCIPLES**

The Shearsby Village Hall Charitable Trust will strive to:

1. Meet all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
2. Regularly update and improve standards in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
3. Avoid the creation of unnecessary waste by adhering to a policy of considered, strategic purchasing.
4. Recycle and reuse waste materials where possible.
5. Dispose of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods.
6. Encourage the responsible use of energy.
7. Respect and protect natural resources by practicing conservation and good management.
8. Encourage contractors and suppliers to minimize their impact on the environment.
9. Encourage trustees, hirers and employees to take responsibility for ensuring that the best environmental policy is used and adhered to at all times.

## **SPECIFIC ACTIONS**

### ***Climate Change and Energy Conservation***

The Trustees will monitor its energy use and improve upon energy efficiency within its buildings by adopting energy-saving measures and equipment. The Trustees will increase awareness of energy efficiency and encourage energy-conserving behavior amongst Hall users and contractors.

### ***Water***

Water will be used efficiently during Trustee activities and on Village Hall premises.

### ***Waste***

The Trustees will minimize waste production wherever possible, by reducing, repairing and reusing resources, and by recycling the waste its activities produce, where facilities exist. Rubbish will be disposed of safely, following the correct procedures, and only licensed contractors will be used to deal with hazardous wastes. The trustees fully endorse the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle campaign.

### ***Transport***

The Trustees will continue to encourage sustainable transport systems within the village, such as cycling and walking.

### ***Biodiversity and Green Spaces***

The Trustees will, wherever possible, consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity in all its activities, but particularly with regard to the management of its land.

### ***Cleaning Materials & Resources***

The Trustees will ensure that biodegradable and non-harmful cleaning materials will be used to ensure the thorough cleaning of all areas of the village hall and further comply with any imposed sanitizing regulations.

### ***Implementation, Monitoring and Review***

This policy and its implementation will be monitored and reviewed regularly. All those hiring the village hall will be expected to confirm that they are aware of the policy and their use of the hall will comply with all aspects of the policy. A copy of the policy will be displayed in the village hall.