



Green Policy

East Worlington Parish Hall Management Committee recognises that the running of our hall may have a direct or indirect impact on the local, regional and global environment. We are committed to reducing any harmful effects on the environment and promoting the understanding of sustainability and resource conservation.

Waste reduction

It is most effective to minimise waste at source.

Where possible we buy only what we need and buy reusable, refillable or recyclable products avoiding the use of such items as plastic plates, cutlery and cups. We separate our waste in order to recycle as much as possible, using the council-run kerbside recycling scheme and we require all hall users to sort their waste.

Purchasing

All purchasing decisions take account of the impact on the environment.

We borrow or share items with other organisations or members of the local community or obtain second hand items, as a first choice, if appropriate.

We buy eco-friendly, safe cleaning products wherever possible. Where possible we shop locally and from small retailers, buying local or fair trade products.

Energy and water saving

Energy production consumes valuable resources, often non-renewable.

We ensure energy efficient light bulbs are used throughout. Lights will be switched off when not in use, a statement to this effect forms part of our hall user's terms and conditions.

During any refurbishment work the following will apply where practically possible:

- Energy efficient heating system will be installed
- A high level of insulation is to be used.
- Double glazing will be installed.
- New toilets will have dual flush low capacity cisterns.
- We will access local trades people and locally sourced materials

Building maintenance will ensure the building is in good condition and any dripping tap or leak will be repaired or isolated immediately it is noted.

Travel

We aim to reduce the need for vehicle travel.

By ensuring that the Parish Hall meets the needs of the community, giving them a place to meet for social, learning, cultural and recreational activities, we can thereby reduce the need for the local community to travel outside the parish and local area.