



# **Thruxton Memorial Hall**

## **Environmental Policy**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to enable the Trustees to minimise impacts on the environment created through the management, maintenance and use of the Hall and its surrounds. The policy also supports positive action to improve the environment for the benefit of all.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of this policy are:

- a) To manage the Hall and its surroundings in ways that deliver positive environmental outcomes.
- b) To encourage users of and visitors to the Hall to be aware of their impact on the environment and to act accordingly in support of this policy.

### **Implementation**

To implement this policy the Trustees will take the following actions:

- 1) Comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulation.
- 2) Ensure the most efficient use of energy in safe and efficient operation of the Hall heating, lighting (internal and external) and kitchen appliances. The Trustees will periodically review its energy supplier and sources and energy use with a view to minimising consumption and causing the least environmental impact.
- 3) Minimise water consumption by using water efficiently, avoiding unnecessary use and ensuring taps and pipes are kept in good repair to reduce risk of leakages.
- 4) Where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, purchasing and using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints.
- 5) Maintain the fabric of the building to a standard which supports resource efficiency e.g. through actions such as use of appropriate insulation and keeping windows in good repair. Any major works to the Hall will be designed to have minimal impacts on the environment (e.g through environmentally friendly design, sensitive use of construction materials) and, where practicable, include biodiversity-friendly features.

6) Avoid all unnecessary waste and, where possible, re-use and recycle materials and resources including glass, cardboard, paper and plastics. It will actively encourage all users to minimise waste and provide the means to do so.

7) Encourage volunteers, hirers and visitors to use and operate the building in such ways as to conserve energy and water, minimise waste, and minimise noise when arriving, using and leaving the Hall. To achieve this all hirers and users will be reminded of their responsibility to the environment and the community through the hire contract.

8) Encourage wildlife to thrive within the surrounds of the Hall by ensuring that management and maintenance of existing vegetation is undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements and good practice, e.g. by avoiding hedge management during the bird nesting season and avoiding use of harmful herbicides and pesticides. Any new areas of planting will be undertaken with biodiversity in mind, e.g. by planting pollinator-friendly species.

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