

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

Environmental Policy

The Trustees of the Institute are committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. They will ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account in decisions they take and will:

1. Endeavour to (i) use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the existing facilities and the safe and efficient operation of the premises (ii) regularly monitor energy consumption and work towards reducing any excessive or unnecessary use and (iii) communicate to all users the means by which energy may be conserved.
2. Minimise and where ever possible eliminate forms of pollution, using biodegradable and non toxic substances when possible. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
3. Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with activities, identify and reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. The need to conserve water will be communicated to users, e.g. turning taps off after use.
4. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. If this is impractical promote disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. Users will be encouraged to minimise waste and make use of local recycling facilities for glass, tins and paper.
5. Ensure that those using the premises for social, educational and sporting activities are aware of this policy and through the hire agreement and hirer's responsibilities checklist encourage users to put them into practice.
6. Seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
7. Monitor and annually review this policy.

Signed (for and on behalf of the Management Committee):

Position: _____

Date: _____

Review Date: _____