

Environmental Policy

Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. We 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. We will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy as possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. We will, from time to time, review our energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. We will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. We will communicate to hirers and staff the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors. The trustees have investigated installing solar panels on the roof but have not been able to finance them. They will continue to review costings and financial incentives in the hope that the roof can be used as it is very suitable.
2. Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport as alternatives to the private car. We will seek to provide safe cycle storage and information about public transport on publicity materials. Two electric car charging points are being installed in the car park and any income will be for the Hall funds, so we will encourage their use and monitor that spaces are not blocked by vehicles not using the chargers.
3. Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night
4. Use the minimum quantities of water as possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water we use is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. We will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g. through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use. It will communicate to users the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use
5. Avoid waste and encourage conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. We 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. All hirers will also be encouraged to recycle rubbish once removed from premises
6. We 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 such as timber. We 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 awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community.
8. We will 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.

9. Protect the health and well-being of all users and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall
10. Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year

Reg. Charity No. 301186

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Action Required by Regular Users

A representative of the group needs to sign their acknowledgment that they have read and understood our Environmental Policy and will endeavour to support our policy and encourage members of the group to do so as well. We welcome any advice and recommendations to ensure that we are all being as green as possible. If you have any suggestions please contact Steve Gerry so that your ideas can be considered.

Name of Group.....

Name of Representative.....

Signature.....

Date.....