



GATESIDE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

REGISTERED CHARITY: SC038682

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

MISSION STATEMENT

The Gateside and District Community Association recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and strive to improve our environmental performance with annual reviews. We will encourage customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented, however all users of the village hall have a responsibility to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

POLICY AIMS

We endeavour to:-

- Comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions
- Increase hall users' awareness of how to reduce environmental impact

PAPER

- We will reduce paper consumption by using email / social media as our primary means of communication
- We will seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products
- We will reuse and recycle all paper where possible
- Community newsletters are distributed by email mailing list and a small amount are printed and shared among the community for those who do not have access to online facilities

ENERGY AND WATER

- We will seek to make efficient use of water and energy
- Lights and electrical equipment will be switched off when not in use
- Heating will be adjusted with energy consumption in mind
- The energy consumption and efficiency of new products will be taken into account when purchasing

VILLAGE HALL SUPPLIES

- We will evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase
- We will favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products wherever possible
- We will reuse and recycle everything we are able to
- Cleaning materials will be biodegradable / environmentally friendly when possible

MONITORING AND IMPROVEMENT

- We will comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements
- We will continually improve and monitor environmental performance
- We will continually improve and reduce environmental impacts
- We will incorporate environmental factors into decision making

CULTURE

- We will involve hall users in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance
- We will update this policy at least once annually in consultation with members and other stakeholders where necessary
- We will use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO2 emissions and help the community

Signed: Kathryn Wright

Position: Chairperson Gateside and District Community Association

Date: 21st January 2020

Last Review Date: 7th March 2023

Next Review Date: March 2024