

## **WINSTON VILLAGE HALL ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY POLICY**

Winston Village Hall Management Committee recognises the impact that the hall has on the environment through its routine activities, its building management and through its influence and effects on the wider community.

We affirm our commitment to the protection of the environment at all levels and also acknowledge our responsibility for taking action to support that.

We will fully comply with environmental legislation and will:

1. Promote environmental management policies and practices at every level e.g. heat efficiency, water saving and recycling in accordance with Durham CC requirements
2. Increase awareness of environmental responsibilities among hall users
3. Minimise waste and pollution and develop and operate environmentally sound waste management procedures
4. Reduce consumption of fossil fuels and incorporate long term strategies for energy efficiency within planning and development
5. Promote a purchasing policy which will give preference, as far as practicable, to those products and services which cause least harm to the environment
6. Avoid wherever practical the use of environmentally damaging substances, materials and processes
7. Maintain the village hall building and surrounding area in an environmentally sensitive way having regard to local wildlife and the preservation of biological diversity.

Progress in implementing this policy will be renewed annually at the June Management Committee meeting.