

Ashfield Community Council

Environment Policy

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Ashfield Community Council ("The Council") is the management body for Ashfield-cum-Thorpe Community Hall ("The Hall").

The Council is a registered charity number 304701.

This policy was drafted by Simon Garrett and approved by the Council on 12th January 2021 and is due for review on or before 1 year from this date.

Aims

The Council considers the protection of the environment to be of major importance. Environmental protection is perceived to be an integral part of efficient management in every sphere of the Council's activities. High standards are to be applied by all those who work in or use the Hall, or are in any other way operating under the auspices of the Council, complying with legislation, codes of practice and official guidance relevant to environmental protection – in particular with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and The Environment Act 1995.

Principles

Awareness and Commitment

- promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environment protection
- ensure that the Hall volunteers and users are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and its objectives
- ensure that the Hall and activities associated with it comply with all relevant environmental regulations

Energy and Water

- ensure energy is used efficiently and wherever possible reduce its use
- use water efficiently and with care
- avoid pollutants entering the drainage system

Waste

- reduce the production of material waste including unnecessary packaging
- encourage re-use, repair and recycling of materials including organic waste
- dispose of waste in a safe and responsible way

Materials and Resources

- buy products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way and use locally-made goods where practicable
- take into account the lifetime costs of materials when repairing, altering or rebuilding premises
- maximise the proportion of paper used from sustainable sources and recycled materials
- offer electronic communication as an alternative to paper for those who are suitably equipped

Natural Environment

- take appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural environment surrounding the Hall
- be sensitive to the impact of activities on the local environment

Travel

- make every effort to reduce air pollution and energy consumption resulting from the use of the car by avoidance of unnecessary travel and the use of energy efficient vehicles
- encourage users of the Community Hall to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport as much as possible
- encourage the sharing of transport where possible.

Implementation of the policy will be undertaken by the Council.

The policy and its implementation will be monitored and reviewed regularly.

A copy of the policy will be displayed in the Hall and made available on the Ashfield website.

All those hiring the Hall will be expected to confirm that they are aware of this policy and that their own activities and use of the Hall are in conformity with it.