

Environmental Policy

The trustees of East Cowton Village Hall recognise that they have a responsibility to reduce the impact of their operation on the environment wherever possible. Sustainability and reducing environmental impact are central to our strategy alongside making a difference within our local community.

We are committed to providing a warm, safe and welcoming space whilst:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
- Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour by those using the facility.
- Improving the awareness and understanding of environmental issues amongst users and village residents.
- Putting sustainability at the centre of operational decision making; incorporating small and large changes to operations and processes which have a positive environmental impact.
- Preventing pollution wherever possible and practicable by developing non-polluting practices.

Our environmental goals include:

- Reducing our carbon footprint.
- Improving energy efficiency within the hall.
- Promoting the reduction, re-use and recycling of our waste and focus on waste Minimisation.
- Ensuring safe and efficient storage and disposal of all waste.
- Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised.
- Encourage volunteers, hirers and staff to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- Leading by example within the local community.

Achievements to date, including:

- Installation of PV panels
- Installation of air source heating
- The use of energy efficient lighting in most areas
- Fitting of double glazing fitted to all windows

Immediate Aims:

- Improved wall and ceiling insulation

The trustees will continue where practical to reduce the impact of the Village Hall activities on the environment and local area.

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