



The Watmough Memorial Hall

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Environmental and Sustainability Policy

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1. Policy Statement

Saxilby Village Hall recognises its responsibility to minimise its environmental impact and contribute positively to the sustainability of the local community. The Management Committee is committed to operating Saxilby Village Hall in an environmentally responsible manner and encouraging all users of the hall to support sustainable practices.

This policy sets out our commitment to reducing waste, conserving resources, and promoting environmental awareness.

2. Purpose

The aims of this policy are to:

- Reduce the environmental impact of Saxilby Village Hall's activities.
- Use energy, water, and other resources efficiently.
- Minimise waste and encourage recycling.
- Promote sustainable purchasing and procurement practices.
- Support environmental awareness within the community.
- Encourage hall users to adopt environmentally responsible behaviours.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Management Committee members.
- Staff.
- Hall hirers and users.
- Visitors.
- Contractors and suppliers working on behalf of the village hall.

4. Our Commitments

Energy Efficiency

The Management Committee will:

- Monitor energy consumption where practical.
- Encourage the efficient use of heating, lighting, and electrical equipment.
- Switch off lights, heating, and appliances when not in use.
- Consider energy-efficient equipment and technologies when replacing fixtures and equipment.
- Explore opportunities to improve the energy performance of the building, subject to available resources.

Water Conservation

The Village Hall will:

- Promote the efficient use of water.
- Repair leaks promptly when identified.
- Encourage users to avoid unnecessary water consumption.

Waste Reduction and Recycling

The Village Hall will:

- Reduce waste wherever practicable.
- Provide suitable recycling facilities where local services permit.
- Encourage users to separate recyclable materials appropriately.
- Promote the reuse of materials and equipment where possible.
- Seek to minimise the use of single-use items.

Sustainable Purchasing

Where practical and financially reasonable, the Management Committee will:

- Purchase environmentally responsible products.
- Encourage the use of reusable cups, plates and catering equipment.
- Consider durability, repairability, and environmental impact when acquiring goods.
- Reduce unnecessary packaging.

- Support local suppliers and services where appropriate.

Biodiversity and Local Environment

Where applicable, the village hall will:

- Maintain outdoor spaces responsibly.
- Encourage wildlife-friendly practices.
- Support community initiatives that enhance the local environment.

5. Responsibilities

Management Committee

The Management Committee will:

- Promote and implement this policy.
- Consider environmental impacts when making decisions.
- Review environmental performance periodically.
- Encourage users and hirers to support sustainability objectives.

Hall Users and Hirers

Users and hirers are encouraged to:

- Turn off lights, heating, and equipment when no longer required.
- Minimise waste and recycle where facilities are available.
- Use resources responsibly.
- Leave the premises in a clean and tidy condition.
- Support environmentally responsible practices during events and activities.

6. Environmental Awareness

The Management Committee will seek to:

- Raise awareness of environmental issues among hall users.
- Encourage community participation in sustainability initiatives.
- Share information on environmentally responsible practices where appropriate.

7. Monitoring and Policy Review

The Management Committee will review this policy annually and to assess for opportunities for continual improvement in environmental performance.

This policy will be reviewed every year or sooner if there are significant changes in legislation, guidance, or village hall operations.