

# **SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL**

Southrop, Gloucestershire, GL7 3PB

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 301617

## **Environmental Policy**

### **1. General**

The trustees of Southrop Village Hall consider 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 Southrop Village Hall 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 Trustees, complying with legislation, codes of practice and official guidance relevant to environmental protection in particular the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Environment Act 2021.

### **2. Environmental Policy Measures**

The Wren Hall Trustees will ensure:

#### *Awareness and Commitment*

- promote awareness of the principles and objectives of environmental protection
- ensure that the trustees, committee members, volunteers and users are familiar with and implement this environmental commitment and its objectives
- ensure that Southrop Village 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 to reduce its use
- 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 food and garden waste (including leaf litter)
- Dispose of waste in a safe and responsible manner

### *Materials and Resources*

- buy or otherwise obtain products which are made in accordance with the principle of using material in a sustainable way
- use locally-made goods where practicable
- take into account the lifetime costs of materials used for repair or rebuilding
- minimise the use of paper and use recycled paper where required
- use electronic communication wherever possible

### *Natural Environment*

- take appropriate opportunities to conserve and enhance the natural environment surrounding Southrop Village 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 motorised vehicles by avoidance on unnecessary travel by using energy efficient vehicles
- encourage users of Southrop Village Hall to travel on foot, by cycle or on public transport as much as possible
- encourage the sharing of transport where possible

### **Implementation, Monitoring and Review**

Implementation of the policy will be managed by Southrop Village Hall Committee.

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

A copy of the policy will be made available on the village website.

All those hiring Southrop Village 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.