



The Hindmarsh Hall

Environmental Policy

The Hindmarsh Hall Trustees are committed to using environmentally-sensitive and sustainable practices in their management of the Hall and will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into its policies.

1. Heating, lighting, and electrical appliances

Commensurate with their obligation to provide a comfortable and safe environment for hirers, the Trustees have invested, and will continue to invest, in measures to make the most efficient use of energy in heating and lighting the Hall. They will continue the policy of improving the efficiency of the heating system, improving ventilation systems, reducing heat loss through better insulation and secondary glazing. They will continue to convert all lighting systems to LED as appropriate and the performance of appliances such as fridges and freezers will be monitored and replaced by more efficient models as necessary and as resources allow. Energy consumption will be reviewed annually and opportunities for improving efficiency explored. All future developments will include enhancing efficient energy use and minimising maintenance as priority design features.

The Trustees will communicate with hirers to explain how they can contribute to energy efficiency by, for instance, keeping the external doors closed and ensuring that all lights are switched off before leaving the Hall.

2. Waste control

Hirers will be encouraged to minimise waste and will be required, as one of the conditions of hire, to sort their wastes into recyclable and non-recyclable items, placing each in the appropriate bin. Hirers will be asked to take their glass waste away to recycle as there are no glass recycling bins in Alnmouth.

3. Water

The Trustees will monitor water use annually and seek to use it as economically as possible. They will deal promptly with leaks and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g. through

avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use. They will communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water e.g. turning taps off after use.

4. Pollution

The Trustees will encourage the use of non-polluting biodegradable materials for cleaning and other activities in the Hall and will minimise the use of solvents and lead-based paints.

Using microplastics such as glitter in children’s activities will not be permitted.

Users will be asked to avoid creating noise pollution, especially in the evening.

5. Purchasing

The Trustees will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximize input to the local community and minimize carbon emissions from transport.

6. Environmental Awareness

The Trustees will promote greater involvement in environmental issues by users through consultation and through provision of guidance information. Non-local hirers using the Hall for an event will be encouraged to use public transport and/or park outside the village. The Trustees aim is for the Hall to be a ‘Good Neighbour’ in the village and minimise any adverse effects of its activities on the wider environment and the local residents.

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