

# Aghalee Village Hall Environmental Policy

## 1. Policy Statement

Aghalee Village Hall recognises that its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. Its whole approach is to bring about change in society, in communities, in groups and in individuals and this should include positive change around any impact we have on environmental issues. As a consequence, Aghalee Village Hall is committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution. Environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

## 2. Objectives

At Aghalee Village Hall we will:

- 2.1 Use nature (natural) resources prudently and minimise the generation of wastes
- 2.2 Contribute to the protection and improvement of the built, historic and natural environment
- 2.3 Enable the community to increase their awareness and understanding of environmental issues, and to acquire skills for environmentally responsible behaviour and action
- 2.4 Monitor, evaluate and constantly seek ways of improving our environmental performance.

## 3. Best Practice

This policy will ensure that it:-

- 3.1 Is appropriate to the nature and environmental impacts of our activities/services.
- 3.2 Includes a commitment to continuous improvement
- 3.3 Includes a commitment to comply with relevant legislation
- 3.4 Is communicated to all employees, volunteers and Hall users where appropriate

## 4. Responsibility for Products

Wherever possible the organisation will consider the environmental impacts of the products it uses or purchases.

### 4.1 Resource Use

We will endeavour to conserve resources through efficient use and careful planning. This shall include a reduction in our energy and water usage.

### 4.2 Waste Management

A primary part of the organisation's environmental strategy is sustainable waste management and as such we recognise our responsibilities to recycle materials wherever possible. We will minimise waste, and will dispose of all waste through safe and responsible methods.

## 5. AVH Business Journeys

- 5.1 Volunteers should endeavour to car share when travelling on AVH business.

## 6. Environmental Awareness

The Environmental Policy and accompanying guidelines will be disseminated to all current staff and volunteers and will also be included as part of the induction of new staff and volunteers.

7. **Audit**

The organisation will conduct an annual self-evaluation of our performance in implementing these principles and in complying with all applicable laws and regulations.

The Policy Statement will be displayed at selected areas in the Hall.