

Upton-by-Chester Village Hall Environmental Policy

- 1. The Village Hall is to be managed in such a way that it continues to play a major role in the evolving community life of Upton**
- 2. The building has a key role in the history of the area and its late 1920's architecture is to be conserved while ensuring that the community can continue to be proud of the facilities offered.**
- 3. The Hall management will seek to be exemplary in its energy management, waste management and access management by identifying relevant new standards and initiatives – implementing these wherever advisable and feasible.**
- 4. The Hall and its grounds are to be maintained in such a way as to add value to the local environment.**

We will do this by

1. Encouraging local use of the Hall through acceptable charges and facilities. Organizing events to publicise itself and draw in further members of the community.
2. All refurbishment projects to be in keeping with the character of the Hall while meeting user expectation of facility standards. The latter to be tested by formally involving users through consultation and by open presentation of all refurbishment plans and seeking of feedback before implementation.
3. Liaise with the Local Council and the Community Council to keep abreast of developments. Participate and action such opportunities as 'Eco Surveys' and their conclusions. Look for best practice amongst neighbouring Village and Community Halls.
4. Regular maintenance of all areas within our boundary while looking for feasible means of improvement. This extends to the gardens and car parking areas.

Refer also to the Health & Safety Policy and the Vision statement of Refurbishment Projects.

Recent Eco surveys & improvements

- LED lighting in main hall
- Encourage users to not waste lighting and heating – smart roomstat installed
- Cistern misers –now installed on urinals.
- Much improved insulation of whole building
- Carbon Trust recommended that we retain existing boiler until troublesome
- Tidy efficient use of CWaC recycling facilities
- Carpark resurfaced and drainage improved
- New external noticeboard with much improved access and usage.
- Regular review and replanting in Monica Garden