

BROUGHTON PLAYING FIELDS & VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Aims and Objectives

BPF & VHA aims to manage, maintain and continuously improve the Playing Fields and Village Hall for the use and benefit of local residents, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, offering them the opportunity to pursue their leisure and educational interests, enhancing their quality of life and in the interest of their health, well-being and social welfare.

Environmental Policy Statement

Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall Association (BPF & VHA) is committed to protecting and promoting the improvement of the local environment for the benefit of the local community.

The Management Committee will manage the facilities and activities of the Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall Association in such a way to minimise their negative impact on the local environment.

Responsibility

The responsibility for the Environmental Policy and its implementation lies with Management Committee of the Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall Association.

Implementation

The BPF & VHA Management Committee will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all matters relating to the management of the Playing Fields and Village Hall and its facilities. The Management Committee will seek:

- 1) To ensure that the Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall are kept in a clean and safe state.
- 2) To protect the health and well-being of all users, volunteers and visitors:
by assessing and managing risks;
by taking action to improve conditions and to reduce risk;
and by reviewing and improving emergency preparedness.
- 3) To make the most efficient use of energy. It will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. It will, from time to time, review its energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to Users and Volunteers the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. notices to turn off lights and heaters
- 4) To minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where appropriate, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 5) To use the minimum quantities of water appropriate in accordance with its activities and to ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of, in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g. through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use. It will communicate to users and staff the need to conserve water e.g. notices to turn taps off after use.
- 6) To avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage users and staff to minimise waste and segregate waste streams.

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- 7) To ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber. It will encourage volunteers, hirers and contractors to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- 8) To promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising user, contractor and committee awareness, by information provision and through open consultation with the local community.
- 9) To purchase where appropriate from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- 10) To monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance or risk and to review the way in which activities at the Village Hall impact on environmental aspects.