



West Hatch Village Hall

Environmental Policy for West Hatch Village Hall. Charity Number: 282641

The Trustees of West Hatch Village Hall recognise that they have a responsibility to reduce the impact of our operation on the environment wherever possible. **Sustainability and reducing environmental impact** are central to our strategy alongside **making a difference within our local community.**

We are committed to providing a **warm, safe and welcoming space** whilst:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations,
- Encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour by those using the facility,
- Improving awareness and understanding of environmental issues,
- Putting sustainability at the centre of operational decision making,
- Incorporating small and large changes to operations and processes which have a positive environmental impact,
- Preventing pollution wherever possible and practicable by developing non-polluting practices.

Our environmental goals include:

- Reducing our carbon footprint,
- Improving energy efficiency within the hall,
- Promoting the reduction, re-use and recycling of our waste and focussing on waste minimisation,
- Ensuring safe and efficient storage and disposal of all waste,
- Leading by example within the local community.

The Trustees are proud of the achievements to date, including the:

- Re-use of existing cupboard space when renovating the kitchen area,
- Retention of original doors leading to the kitchen area,

- Sanding and re-sealing the elm floor in the main hall and the kitchen area,
- Using lined and blackout curtains to retain electricity heat used in the hall,
- Retaining and ensuring the functionality of shared septic tank with Perrington Lodge residents,
- Using energy efficient lighting whenever possible,

The Trustees will continue where practical to reduce the impact on the environment and have aspirations to purchase and fit roof insulation, draft excluders and window film to reduce heat loss when funds permit. In the longer term we are keen to explore the use of solar power to reduce consumption of electricity.

Adopted by the Trustees on 20th April 2026 at the Committee Meeting on that date.

Review date: March 2027