

CREECH ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY

The Building

The Hall, which was constructed in 1988, is of a Scandinavian design and came with the requirements necessary of its day. Since then, however, further improvements have been made to the building. A major item of expenditure was the installation of double glazed windows and doors in 2015, additionally, in 2021, sound reduction panels were fitted to Chown Hall ceiling, thereby improving the heat retention properties of the building.

Heating

The only source of heating is provided by electric night storage heaters. The high cost of the installation of a supply to the Hall makes gas an unviable option. New night storage heaters have been installed to provide a more efficient system.

Heavy curtains are in place at each window to conserve heat during colder months.

Solar Panels

Several years ago Trustees took the decision to install solar panels. This provides an annual return of 4% from the Feed In Tariff. In addition the Hall benefits from its own generated electricity from the panels.

Lighting

Section 106 money has been used for Hall improvements. The work allowed alterations to the Lower Committee Room and lighting throughout the Hall changed to LED bulbs. This work ensured savings in electricity usage and maintenance charges.

Floodlights in the Car Park and approaches to the Hall are on timers to conserve energy usage.

Kitchen

- Water heating in the kitchen is controlled by a time-delay 'ON' touch button, which users are asked to ensure is turn off before leaving. A centre red light illuminates when the heater is 'OFF'.
- A modern water boiler, suitable for hot drinks, has also been installed.
- An energy efficient dishwasher was installed in 2014.

Toilets

- Separate water heaters have also been installed to serve the toilets. These are controlled by time delay 'ON' ouch buttons. For the Ladies wash basins, the button is wall-mounted opposite the cubicles. For the Gents and Uni-Sex baby changing, the button is located near the WC pan in the baby changing room.

Check List

- A Check List at the Main Exit asks users to ensure all electrical appliances are turned off.

It is recommended that the Committee should review this policy on an annual basis and therefore it will be an agenda item at a Committee Meeting to be held before the AGM.