

Environmental & Energy Efficiency Policy

CREECH ST MICHAEL VILLAGE HALL

1. Commitment & Intent

The Trustees of Creech St Michael Village Hall are committed to protecting and actively improving the local environment. We integrate sustainability and energy efficiency into all operational, maintenance, and purchasing decisions to minimise our carbon footprint and preserve resources.

2. Energy Management & Building Efficiency

- **Building Insulation:** The Management Committee maintains double-glazed windows and doors and heavy curtains to maximize heat retention across the Scandinavian-designed building.
- **Heating Control:** Electric night storage heaters and heavy curtains are managed to conserve heat during colder months. More efficient system updates are reviewed regularly and will be updated as finances permit.
- **Lighting & Controls:** Energy-efficient LED lighting is installed throughout the Hall. Exterior floodlights and car park lighting operate on timers to avoid unnecessary electricity usage.
- **Renewable Energy:** On-site solar panels generate clean electricity for hall use.

3. Water & Kitchen Operations

- **Appliance Efficiency:** The kitchen is fitted with an energy-efficient dishwasher and instant hot water boiler.
- **Water & Power Shutdown:** Hirers must ensure kitchen appliances and lights are switched off before departure, as prompted by the Main Exit Departure Checklist and also by documentation sent to all hirers at time of booking. All water heaters throughout the building are on a set timer and automatically turn off.
- **Water Conservation:** Sanitary facilities and plumbing are monitored regularly to prevent leaks and reduce unnecessary water use.

4. Waste Minimisation & Recycling

- **Recycling Facilities:** Hirers, visitors, and staff are encouraged to minimise waste and recycle glass, tins, paper, and card.
- **Gardens & Grounds:** Organic waste from garden maintenance is composted where appropriate. Two compost bins and three water butts are on site.

5. Pollution & Sustainable Procurement

- **Cleaning & Chemicals:** Cleaning operations utilise biodegradable, environmentally friendly products wherever feasible.
- **Local Suppliers:** Goods, services, and construction materials are sourced from local or regional suppliers where possible to reduce transport emissions and support the local economy.
- **Noise Pollution:** Hirers are required to control noise levels, particularly during late evening events, to respect neighboring residents.

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Management Committee prior to each AGM.