

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. Organising 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 wide discussion driven by the full Board and involving users through consultation and by open presentation of all refurbishment plans.
3. Continuously seek environmental improvements by discussions with Government bodies and awareness of blossoming technologies and practices. 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.

See Appendix (next sheet) for specific improvements

Appendix of investigations & improvements since early yr2000's

- High occupancy across main hall and meeting room – recent years have seen highest occupancy undoubtedly helped by facility improvements as well as good management.
- LED lighting where justified. Fully adopted in main hall except ‘mood’ wall lights. Recent independent investigation for further adoption around building. 2020 plans to fully adopt in stage area and trial in kitchen/bar.
- Insulation improvements despite limitations of the nature of the building. Air quality and heat distribution improved with year-round destratification fans and boosted with portable fans during close hot weather.
- Continually encourage users to not waste lighting and heating – smart roomstat installed and checklist for users when departing.
- Carbon Trust recommended that we retain existing boiler until troublesome or to make a technology stepchange. The vision of our own solar panel power generation, battery storage, self-use and with electric assisted heating is gradually becoming feasible over the next decade.
- The shift to electric (away from gas) has been helped by 3-phase installation and the kitchen hotwater cylinder replaced with on-demand electric heating.
- Water consumption reduced with urinal cistern miser and the on-demand hotwater. Toilet block refurbishment under consideration for implementation next few years.
- Tidy efficient use of CWaC recycling facilities and much improved storage facilities for cleaning facilities and for kitchen/bar supplies.
- Carpark resurfaced and drainage improved. Further drive improvements planned.
- New external noticeboard with much improved access and usage and ‘hall image’.
- Regular review and replanting in Monica Garden and co-operation with neighbours for pleasant boundaries. Very tidy and ‘fairly secluded’ external storage facility established.
- Continuing the high standard of maintenance across all aspects of the hall.