



## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY.** [adopted February 2024].

### **Introduction**

Nanstallon Community Trust [Village Hall] recognises that its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. Its whole approach is to bring about change in society, in the community, in groups and in individuals and this should include positive change around any impact we have on environmental issues.

As a consequence, Nanstallon Community Trust is committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution. Environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

### **Objectives**

Nanstallon Community Trust will:

- use nature (natural) resources prudently and minimise the generation of wastes.
- contribute to the protection and improvement of the built, historic and natural environment.
- enable the community to increase their awareness and understanding of environmental issues and to acquire skills for environmentally responsible behaviour and action.
- monitor, evaluate and constantly seek ways of improving our environmental performance.

### **Best Practice**

This policy will ensure that it:

- is appropriate to the nature and environmental impacts of our activities/ services.
- includes a commitment to continuous improvement.
- includes a commitment to comply with relevant legislation.
- is communicated to all trustees, volunteers and hall users where appropriate.

### **Responsibility for Products**

Wherever possible the organisation will consider the environmental impacts of the products it uses or purchases.

We will endeavour to conserve resources through efficient use and careful planning. This shall include a reduction in our energy and water usage.

### **Waste Management**

A primary part of the organisation's environmental strategy is sustainable waste management and as such we recognise our responsibilities to recycle materials wherever possible. We will minimise waste, and will dispose of all waste through safe and responsible methods.

### **Environmental Awareness**

The Environmental Policy and accompanying guidelines will be disseminated to all trustees, volunteers and users.

The Policy Statement will be displayed in the Village Hall.

In terms of actions, we encourage all users/hirers of the hall to:

- make the most efficient use of energy.
- encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport as alternatives to the private car.
- minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution.
- minimise noise pollution.
- use the minimum quantities of water possible.
- avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources.
- ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building/maintenance projects will be assessed and minimised.
- promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues.
- where possible, purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- protect the health and well-being of all users and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of Nanstallon Village Hall.

The Village Hall, built in 1888, is environmentally unfriendly. In order to improve its environmental standards we propose to undertake a programme of refurbishment as funding permits. The aim of this project will be to provide a more sustainable, user friendly building suited to the 21st century.

Review

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Trust Secretary