



Ellingham Village Hall Environmental Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Ellingham Village Hall is a parish community hub and charity. The Hall provides space for meetings, activities and events and is available for hire for private occasions.

Ellingham Village Hall has been designed and built to exploit technologies which are environmentally friendly. By combining solar panels with battery storage it has optimised energy consumption, reduced reliance on the national grid and reduced running costs. EVH has an air source heat pump working in conjunction with an underfloor heating system. This installation reduces the carbon footprint of the hall as it operates at lower water temperatures in combination with large heat emitting floor surfaces. To further reduce energy consumption the hall uses low energy lightbulbs and LED lighting.

The trustees recognise, however, that our day-to-day operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. Potentially harmful effects of such activities are considered wherever possible. The trustees are committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance, the reduction of pollution and unnecessary waste and the environmental impact of activities at the Hall.

All users of the Hall are encouraged to:

1. Use the recycling facilities provided.
2. Use recycled materials wherever possible.
3. Minimise waste in all operations.
4. Switch off lights and close doors on leaving the building.
5. Exploit use of online technologies for delivery of information rather than paper.
6. Work with suppliers and clients to encourage the use of environmentally friendly products.
7. Walk or cycle (cycle rack provided) to events to reduce car use.

Trustees will monitor progress to increase efficiency on a monthly and annual basis by appointing a manager responsible for the policy.

In 2024 the manager responsible will be Robert McKibbin.

This policy will be reviewed in January 2025.