**Environmental Policy**

**Overton Community Council**

Overton Community Council is committed to minimising the detrimental environmental impacts of the organisation and to the improvement of the local, national and global environment within the confines of our own resources. In working towards these objectives the community council endeavours to prevent pollution and meet or surpass all applicable legislation to ensure the protection of the community at large and the environment.

We aim to do this by:

* Ensuring the requirements of all relevant legislation and regulations are met and, where possible, exceeded.
* Taking into account environmental factors in our decision making processes – an example of this is using local trades for projects to save on carbon footprint, in addition to supporting local professions.
* Reduce waste of energy and other natural resources through energy saving measures.
* Separating out at source, categorising and disposing of in a friendly and sustainable manner all waste products.
* Purchasing goods and materials which can be manufactured, used and disposed of in an environmentally sustainable way.
* Purchasing goods and services locally, where possible, in order to minimise the environmental impacts of transportation and support the local economy.
* All committee members and employees are involved in the implementation of this policy, aiming for greater commitment and improved environmental performance.
* Reviewing annually this Environmental Policy.
* Targets are set and agreed by the committee members who will review the targets on an annual basis to ensure continuous improvement – examples of targets;
* Continuous monitoring of the usage of electricity and water in the public toilets (and address any excess levels)
* Any lamp failures which are the responsibility of the community council are now replaced with energy efficient ones.
* All grass cuttings from the cemetery are recycle for use by local gardeners.
* Continued support of Outreach Post Office to ensure this vital service is maintained in the village.

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