



Environmental Policy

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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.
- Considering 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.
- Reducing the 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, to minimise the environmental impacts of transportation and support the local economy.
- Working with local groups and organisations, for example the Community Growers, to improve biodiversity.
- Encouraging local growers home cultivation of vegetables etc. use of mini plots to provide a source of home-grown food.
- Involving all committee members and employees in the implementation of this policy, aiming for greater commitment, and improved environmental performance for example, all hedge cuttings from the cemetery are recycled for use by local gardeners.
- Reviewing annually this Environmental Policy.
- Setting objectives agreed by the committee members who will review the objectives on an annual basis to ensure continuous improvement – examples of objectives:
- Continuous monitoring of the usage of electricity and water in the public toilets (and address any excess levels)
- Ensuring any lamp failures, which are the responsibility of the community council, are now replaced with energy efficient ones.
 - the public toilets (two locations) have LED lights fitted with motion sensors in the newest toilet (this is more energy efficient).