



Willington Community Hub Library

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**Willington Community Library Hub Environmental statement (v2 Sept 2022).**

We are committed to reducing our environmental impact. The management team and volunteers are responsible for implementing environmental improvements.

Our aims are as follows

- to engage in an energy saving campaign to help bring about the reduction in carbon emissions in the daily hub routines.
- to enhance environmental awareness and understanding in all volunteers, suppliers, sub-contractors and library users.
- to improve environmental performance, e.g. by doing a regular walk-around survey of the hub to see if we are using energy and water efficiently and whether measures to reduce waste and pollution are effective
- reduce the use of all raw materials, energy and supplies
- raise awareness, encourage participation and train volunteers in environmental matters
- expect similar environmental standards from all suppliers and contractors
- assist readers to the hub in an environmentally sensitive way
- liaise with the local community
- participate in discussions about environmental issues

Our biggest environmental impacts are:

- electricity usage lighting heating, computers and other equipment
- volunteer travel
- printing/photocopying

- producing wastepaper

The management team and volunteers aim to make improvements by:

- making the most efficient use of energy in all areas to assess the environmental impact of all future operations
- reducing energy waste wherever possible and where practical use low energy light bulbs
- Reduce the amount of material waste produced
- Reduce the consumption of raw materials and water bulk purchasing to reduce packaging
- Reduce and/or limit the use of pollutants to the environment in the kitchen and garden
- Limit the noise in and around the hub
- Support the activities of local organisations within the local community
- Reusing those materials that have outlived their original purpose wherever we can.
- Recycling as much as possible the materials that we cannot reuse.
- Providing an environment that encourages wildlife in our garden
- Selling refreshments without using single use plastic
- Using only biodegradable chemicals and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints
- Using of timber or wood products from sustainable (managed) forests
- Phasing out of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other ozone-depleting substances

Readers can minimise their environmental impact by:

- walking or using green travel to get to the library when possible
- using the recycling bins. The large green tub bins are for paper. There are smaller bins for glass, plastic, compost or general waste.
- Using recycled paper

Volunteers can minimise their environmental impact by:

- Hibernating or powering down PCs and printers when not in use
- Using mobile devices and computers for meetings rather than printing emails and papers

- walking or using green travel to get to the library when possible
- Turning off lights and taps when leaving the library or kitchen
- Using the recycling bins for glass, cardboard and paper
- Sending off used printer cartridges for recycling
- Collecting stamps to donate to charity
- Retaining paper which does not hold any confidential information to be used as scrap paper for the issue desks
- Printing on both sides of paper where possible
- Encouraging users to download information guides from the Library website rather than printing

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