



## Environmental statement

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

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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.
- using recycled paper.

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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.
- 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.