



Willingdon Community Hub Library

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Willingdon Community Library Hub Environmental statement (v3 2026).

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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