Environmental Policy 2026

Introduction
Hesketh Bank Community Centre (HBCC) recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods, with regular review points. We will encourage centre users and hirers, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

Responsibility

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented.

Policy aims

We aim to:

- Comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.

Paper

- Minimise the use of paper in the office.
- Seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products.
- Reuse and recycle all paper where possible.

Utilities

- Through the design of our building, we pledge to seek to reduce the amount of energy used as much as possible.
- Lights and electrical equipment will be automatically controlled and the system will switch them off when not in use.
- Heating will be automatically controlled and adjusted with energy consumption in mind.
- The energy consumption and efficiency of new products will be taken into account when purchasing.
- We will continue to monitor our solar energy collection from our roof panels and assess the impact on our energy use
- We will evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase.
- We will favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products wherever possible.
- We will reuse and recycle everything we are able to and continue to offer recycling bins for items such as spectacles, ink cartridges, batteries and stamps.

Transportation

- Reduce the need to travel, restricting to necessity trips only.

• Promote the use of travel alternatives such as e-mail or video/phone conferencing.
• Make additional efforts to accommodate the needs of those using public transport or bicycles.

Maintenance and cleaning

• Cleaning materials used will be as environmentally friendly as possible.
• We will only use licensed and appropriate organisations to collect and dispose of centre waste.

Monitoring and improvement

• Comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
• Continually improve and monitor our environmental performance.
• Continually improve and reduce our environmental impact (wherever possible).
• Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.
• Review this policy and any related business issues at our monthly management meetings.

Culture

• Involve users in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance.
• Work with suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors to improve their environmental performance.
• Use local labour and materials where feasible to reduce CO2 and support local community businesses.

If you need any further information, advice or guidance relation to this policy, please contact the Chairperson of The Board of Trustees

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis, unless circumstances arise which require the policy to be reviewed earlier.

This policy has been approved for issue by the board of trustees of HBCC.

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