## **ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall recognises that it impacts on the environment through its routine activities, its building management and through its influence and effects on the wider community.

Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall also acknowledges a responsibility for, and a commitment to, the protection of the environment at all levels. It will fully comply with environmental legislation and will:

- 1. Promote environmental management policies and practices at every level e.g. heat efficiency , water saving (toilets/recycling)
- 2. Increase awareness of environmental responsibilities among staff and hall users
- 3. Minimise waste and pollution and develop and operate environmentally sound waste management procedures
- 4. Reduce consumption of fossil fuels and incorporate long term strategies for energy efficiency within planning and development
- 5. Encourage the use of modes of transport by staff and hall users which minimise environmental impact.
- 6. Promote a purchasing policy which will give preference, as far as practicable, to those products and services which cause least harm to the environment
- 7. Avoid wherever practical the use of environmentally damaging substances, materials and processes
- 8. Maintain the grounds, gardens and buildings of [name of organisation] in an environmentally sensitive way having regard to local wildlife and the preservation of biological diversity.

Progress in implementing this policy will be renewed annually by Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall Committee.