

THE DAVIS HALL, WEST CAMEL

Registered Charity No. 1070729

HOWELL HILL WEST CAMEL YEOVIL SOMERSET BA22 7QX

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The Davis Hall Committee is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. The Committee will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions it takes on all its services and will seek to:

- 1) Make the most efficient use of energy. It will endeavour to use the minimum quantities of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of its heating, lighting, plant and machinery. It will, from time to time, review its energy sources, energy using appliances and energy efficiency with a view to causing the least environmental impact. It will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use. It will communicate to hirers and volunteers the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g., closing doors, turning lights off.
- 2) Encourage those using the hall to walk, cycle or use shared transport as alternatives to the private car. The hall provides safe cycle storage and information about public transport on publicity materials.
- 3) Minimise and eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users are encouraged to avoid creating noise pollution, especially at night.
- 4) Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water it uses is both supplied and disposed of in the purest condition possible, meeting statutory requirements. It will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g., through avoiding unnecessary flushing of urinals when the hall is not in use. It will communicate to users and volunteers the need to conserve water e.g., turning taps off after use.
- 5) Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources. It will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible and, if this is impractical, dispose of by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. It will encourage users and volunteers to minimise waste, including the recycling of glass, tins, cardboard and paper.
- 6) It will ensure that the environmental impact of any potential building projects will be assessed and minimised. This will include, where possible, methods of construction which make best use of resources; designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber. It will encourage hirers and volunteers to use and operate the building correctly to conserve energy and minimise waste.
- 7) Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, raising user and volunteer awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community, where appropriate.
- 8) It will seek, where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.
- 9) Protect the health and well-being of all volunteers and visitors and improve and safeguard the quality of the Davis Hall.
- 10) Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Trustees of the Davis Hall, West Camel (The Trustees) will keep the environmental impact of the Hall under constant review.

Implemented at the design stage (2000 – 2001)

- Double insulation to roof and walls
- Insulated acoustic tiled dropped ceiling
- Underfloor heating to all but Main Hall
- Long Life low energy light bulbs wherever possible
- Time switches on external lighting
- Flexible heating control
- Double glazing to all windows and glass doors.
- Environmentally friendly cleaning materials with colour coded system
- Car Park is permeable tarmac over a soakaway; feeds through 3" pipes to slow down water run-off from roofs and car park to River Cam. Grass terrace also slows run off to ditch/ River Cam.
- Provision of surfaced paths to the Hall to encourage less use of cars
- A cycle rack to encourage less use of cars
- Car sharing for regular event transport (e.g. Lunch Club, Thursday Coffee Mornings)
- Use of recycled paper products (hand towels, wipes and toilet paper)

Noise Pollution: Time limit prevents music after midnight and before 8.30 a.m. **Light Pollution:** External lighting on timers. Curtains and/or blackout blinds on all windows of main hall and Committee Room.

Considered at the design stage

'Grey water' recycling was considered but dismissed owing to irregular and variable use of Hall.

Photovoltaic panels: A 10Kw system was installed in 2013 to provide electricity to the hot water system and power and lighting circuits.

A 'French Drain' limits rain run-off from fields to the north and A303 onto Hall premises providing slow release via ditch to River Cam.

Considerations for the future

The site is suitable for a wind turbine to provide electricity.

Given the current level of use there is scope for recycling rainwater or 'grey water' to toilets.

Lighting: LED bulbs replaced fluorescent tubes in Main Hall and Committee Room in 2017 and other updated when necessary.

Time Control press top taps to all handbasins in toilets added in 2017.

New dishwasher purchased February 2023