

STOW PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

What do we believe?

- We recognise that some, if not all, our activities impact on our environment.
- We recognise that *everyone* is responsible for our environment and should play their part, however small.
- We see environmental issues as integral to our practice, and not as an afterthought.

What will we do?

- We will make environmental issues an agenda item twice a year.
- When we review our activities and procedures, we will identify and evaluate their impact on our environment.
- We will set priorities to address any issues arising.
- We will take environmental impact into consideration when considering quotes for services, even if this means going for a dearer option.
- We aim to keep abreast of innovation and ideas.

Equipment

- We will maximise the use of recycled and other environmentally friendly products and services.
- We will try to avoid waste and recycle, and encourage recycling, as much as we can.
- We maintain appliances to ensure maximum efficiency and minimum waste and pollution.
- When replacing the above, we will take into account environmental factors.

Communication

- We will maximise the use of IT and media for communicating, and IT for keeping records, so minimising 'hard copies', while acknowledging that not everyone has, or wants, access to the Internet.
- If using paper, we will use recycled where possible, and print on both sides

Transport

- We encourage the use of public transport/car sharing/cycling/walking.

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