

## **Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Environmental Policy**

Herne & Broomfield Parish Council aims to improve the physical and social environment by providing alternative activities for young people and reducing anti-social behaviour which will improve the quality of life for all residents of the parish.

We recognise that it is important for the Members and employees of the Parish Council to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of their actions upon the environment in which they live, work and relax. In order to do, this we need to take responsibility for our own actions and we need to have a sense of duty and care for the world in which we live.

The ways in which we will strive towards this goal are by:

- Reducing the amount of materials we use, and waste we produce
- Re-using materials whenever possible
- Repairing items if possible
- Respecting our neighbours and our environment

### Energy and Paper

We will reduce the amount of energy and water we use by:

- Switching off lights when they are not in use
- Keeping outside doors shut in cold weather
- Making sure we turn off taps when they are no longer needed
- Auditing the amount of energy we use

We will reduce the amount of paper we use by:

- Writing and printing on both sides of the paper whenever possible
- Filing photocopies for use at a later date if appropriate
- Sending information electronically where appropriate
- Buying paper that is environmentally friendly
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Any paper that cannot be re-used will be recycled

### Purchasing

When purchasing refreshments for the Parish Council office or functions we will:

- Buy local products where possible to reduce 'Food Miles'
- Buy 'Fairly Traded' goods where available

### Travel

- Members and employees will endeavour to use public transport, walk, cycle or car share when attending meetings and events on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council Clerk will ensure that these recommendations are carried out.

Adopted by Herne & Broomfield Parish Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 05