

## **Environmental Policy**

### **Hillstown Miners' Welfare Trust (HMWT)**

- The Trustees of Hillstown Miner's Welfare Trust are committed to protecting and promoting the improvement of the local environment. We will involve staff in the implementation of this policy, for greater involvement and commitment to implementation.

**We will ensure that environmental considerations are part of decision making on all its services and will seek to:**

1. Make the most efficient use of **Energy & Water**. Use the minimum amount of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of the site. From time to time, review its energy sources.
  - a Replaced or updated appliances should be energy efficient where possible.
  - b Monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
2. Minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals. Minimise use of solvents and lead-based paints.
3. Use the minimum quantities of water possible in accordance with its activities and ensure that the water is disposed of properly. Reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use.
4. Bowls green to be watered from collected rainwater only.\*
5. Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation. Re-use and recycle materials as far as possible or dispose by a means which will have the least impact on the environment, conforming to statutory requirements.

#### **Building.**

1. Ensure that the potential environmental impact of any building projects will be assessed and minimised. Including, where possible, resources and designs which result in low maintenance and high energy efficiency and the use of building materials from sustainable sources such as timber.
2. Where possible, to purchase from local or regional suppliers, to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport.

#### **Users.**

1. Protect the health and well-being of all users, employees, volunteers, visitors and always be mindful of safeguarding issues.
2. Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising user and volunteer awareness, by information provision and open consultation with the local community.
3. Encourage use of litter bins (provided). Encourage users to clean up after pets and use dog waste bins around the site. Be aware of other users on the site e.g. footballers.

4. Encourage users to walk, cycle and use public or communal transport if possible. It will seek to provide safe cycle storage and information about public transport on publicity materials.
5. Encourage users to leave the premises quietly and be aware of nearby residents.

*Monitor, review and where possible improve performance each year with positive action on any areas of non-compliance.*

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