



## **Whitland Town Council – Environmental Policy**

Whitland Town Council believes that communities are responsible for achieving good environmental practice and operating in a sustainable manner. The protection of the local countryside and natural environment is a long term commitment. We are therefore working towards reducing our environmental impact, and continually improving our environmental performance as part of our operating methods.

### **Our policy is to:**

- Review our environmental protection policy once every electoral term, or at the Annual General Meeting, if based on substantive legislation.
- Support the requirements of environmental legislation and codes of practice.
- Campaign to raise awareness of littering issues and reduce the frequency in the Ward of Whitland and work with adjacent Community Councils.
- Assess in advance the environmental impacts of new planning applications, processes or products and work to minimize the impact of these.
- Encourage our Councillors, community groups, suppliers and all business associates to purchase products and services that do the least damage to the environment, and encourage others to do the same.
- Minimize our waste energy, fuel and water usage and then reuse or recycle as much of it as possible.
- Minimize our consumption of natural resources, especially where they are non-renewable.
- Apply the principle of continuous improvement in respect of air, water, noise and light pollution and aim to reduce any community impacts within the environment and local community.
- Address concerns about Environmental protection and management plan promptly and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

- Erect signage on all electrical switches and water taps to give users a visual reminder to reduce wastage and turn off appliances and water taps when no longer required.

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