

WORCESTER OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY
(WODS)
ENVIRONMENT POLICY STATEMENT

WODS seeks excellence in every aspect of its operations and is committed to minimising the environmental impacts of its activities. Our commitment is to:

- Manage waste generated from our activities according to the principles of reduction, re-use and recycling.
- Manage our activities to prevent pollution.
- Conserve and enhance the character and distinctiveness of our local area to help create a healthy environment.
- Give due consideration to environmental issues and energy performance in the refurbishment and use of our building.

The Committee therefore encourages all Members and users of St Mary's Hall to do its best to protect the environment as much as it can and in particular draws attention to the following matters.

1) Waste Disposal:

Separate waste bins have been purchased so that paper & cardboard, drink cans and plastic bottles can be segregated and recycled. Please always separate waste in to the allocated waste bin for weekly disposal, thereby reducing the amount that is sent to landfill.

2) Noise:

Whilst our neighbours accept we are a musical Society and may hear us for good reason, all Members are requested to respect the proximity of our neighbours when leaving the building or car-park, particularly during the evening and at week-ends.

3) Heat Loss:

The gas fired boilers which control the heating are reprogrammed weekly to avoid the unnecessary usage of the heating system. If an unplanned activity takes place at St. Mary's Hall, it is possible to over-ride the time-switch to enable the heating to be switched on, but it is essential that the setting is returned to its original position following the activity. The window blinds are normally in the closed position to reduce heat-loss.

4) Our local environment:

A lot of work has been undertaken to make the immediate area surrounding St Mary's Hall, as pleasant as possible for the neighbourhood and local environment, including some minor landscaping and by planting a tree in the 'garden area'. Please help us keep this area tidy and free from rubbish.

WODS has a 'No Smoking Policy' within the building and actively seeks to discourage smoking.

5) Water usage:

Water consumption is measured via a water meter and regularly monitored in case of leaks.

On behalf of the Main Committee.