

The Reef

Environmental Policy – Adopted 21st January 2025

1. Policy Statement

- 1.1 The Reef (Colehill and Wimborne Youth and Community Centre) is committed to protecting and actively promoting the improvement of the local environment. We will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into all the decisions we take.

2. Our Environmental Commitments

- 2.1 **Energy:** We will use the minimum quantity of energy possible in accordance with the safe and efficient operation of our heating, lighting and equipment. We will, from time to time, review our energy sources, appliances and energy efficiency and will monitor consumption and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use with a view to minimising our environmental impact. We will communicate to hirers the means by which energy may be conserved, e.g. closing doors and switching off unnecessary lighting.
- 2.2 **Pollution:** We will minimise and where possible eliminate all forms of pollution, using biodegradable chemicals where possible, and minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints. Users will be encouraged to avoid noise pollution, especially at evening events.
- 2.3 **Water:** We will use the minimum quantity of water possible in accordance with our activities. We will reduce leakage and eliminate excessive or unnecessary use, e.g. avoiding flushing urinals when the venue is not in use. We will use self-closing taps where practical to conserve water use.
- 2.4 **Waste:** We will avoid waste and will re-use and recycle materials as far as possible. Where this is impractical, we will ensure disposal by a means which will have the least impact on the environment and conforms to statutory requirements. We will encourage users to minimise waste and recycle using the correct rubbish bins provided.
- 2.5 **Suppliers:** We will seek, wherever possible, to purchase goods from local or regional suppliers, in order to maximise input to the local community and minimise carbon emissions from transport. We will consider the suppliers environmental policies and measures in all significant purchasing decisions.

Version History

Date	Summary of Changes
1/12/23	New Policy
21/1/25	Reviewed, no changes

This Policy will be reviewed annually, next review due January 2026.