

Nuffield Bowling Club

Environmental Policy

1. Mission Statement

Nuffield Bowling Club's (hereafter referred to as NBC) mission is to continue to make lasting improvements to the area surrounding the bowling green in order to improve the aspect within the local environment and make the grounds and green within the perimeter fence a pleasurable, relaxing space to be in.

NBC's Commitment

The club is committed to work alongside neighbours and other organisations to maintain and improve its facilities in the area. Close liaison with Local Authority and public services, i.e. police, ensures the club is aware of community projects and environmental needs.

2. Aims of NBC

NBC shall:

- Ensure the enclosed environment the club occupies is kept clean and tidy to protect members' and visitors' safety, the environment and the wildlife.
- Educate members regarding the correct usage of the labelled recycle bins supplied, between cans, plastics and cardboard etc. Contents of these bins to be disposed of properly by members into their own recycling bins supplied by the council. All other green waste to be composted on-site.
- Minimise adverse impacts on the environment by providing adequate receptacles for recycling including 'cigarette end' disposal points.

3. Objectives

NBC shall:

- Maintain respect for natural resources by using natural, reusable and recyclable materials whenever possible. The club shall whenever possible and when the opportunity arises use the hollow-tining plugs created by green maintenance, as fertilizer on the flower beds and other areas where appropriate.
- Use only environmentally friendly products to ensure no harm or damage comes to the wild life and the bowling green as the latter is essential to the continuity of the club.
- Never create any hazardous waste as this is against club principles.
- Be responsible for use of energy by continuing to use the existing water meter. The club house will be insulated to building regulations to conserve heat. New electrics will incorporate low energy lighting. Water barrels to be purchased to collect rainwater for re-use on green and gardens. All other waste water runs directly into the septic tank.
- Minimise effects of atmospheric pollution by using the correct unleaded fuel for the two mowers. No other transport/vehicles are owned by the club.
- The committee will uphold the policy and ensure members compliance.

4.1 Activities to achieve the objectives

NBC will:

- Appoint a member to liaise and co-ordinate with team Captains and committee to monitor and ensure the environmental policies are adhered to.
- Hold regular meetings to ensure the Environmental policies referred to in this document are monitored and improved as necessary.
- Members will be made aware of the Environmental Policy in the annual newsletter to be circulated shortly. A copy of this document will be displayed on the club notice board and on the web site.
- NBC already hold regular committee meetings- see constitution - of which minutes are kept. Any findings, comments etc arising from the Environmental policy will be discussed at a committee meeting and implemented where possible.

4.2 Goods & services

NBC shall:

- When purchasing goods and services, employ only local contractors whenever possible. Goods and materials are to be bought locally from a local experienced trader who is also a club member and gives a discount for items purchased for the club. He understands the club's requirements and offers advice freely. All catering products are to be bought locally- within walking distance of the club and members are to ensure that they get value-for-money as club funds are to be spent wisely.
- During visits from other bowling clubs members are able to influence visitors by encouraging them to keep the grounds tidy and likewise on return visits members will show respect for other environments.
- Encourage members to recycle unwanted products with a useful life expectancy by donating them to the club.

Summary

To summarise; each member of NBC will be personally responsible for participating and following the environmental policy. This good practice will reflect on other clubs and visitors- by example, to be aware of environmental issues within their own organisation.

The prerogative is to maintain the club for the younger members to enjoy during their lifetime and onwards and to continue to support the plant and wildlife and to conserve what is considered a 'calm oasis' for the enjoyment of all - members and community visitors alike.

This environmental policy was agreed by quorum of three committee members at a meeting held on 6th November 2010.

Signed:
P. Webster [Secretary]