



# Castlethorpe Parish Council

## Environmental Policy

Castlethorpe Parish Council recognises the importance for its members and employees to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of their actions upon the physical and social environment in which they live, work and relax. In order to achieve this everyone on the Council needs to take responsibility for their own actions and recognises the need to encourage a sense of duty and care in others in our community for the world in which we all live.

The ways in which we will strive towards this goal is by;

- buying products made from recycled or recyclable materials for use in the Council's facilities.
- avoiding buying disposable products and re-use materials wherever possible
- supporting recycling and composting schemes and encourage and support the village's local green waste site
- repairing items if possible using local people to reduce carbon footprint
- saving energy by making sure all users of the Council's facilities switch off lights, ensure all taps are turned off and by closing doors.
- encouraging electronic communication to replace paper
- supporting local products where possible to reduce 'Food Miles'
- supporting all the local cycle routes to reduce the reliance on motor vehicles and encourage the use of the cycle-tracks to commute
- supporting youth schemes for young people
- supporting "sympathetic" planning and objecting to "unsympathetic" planning applications
- supporting initiatives that reduce vandalism, graffiti and litter in our community
- supporting events that foster a "sense of community"
- supporting and encouraging plant and animal diversity

Castlethorpe Parish Council will always strive to maintain the steps already taken to reduce the energy usage in its community hall facility by the installation of energy efficient equipment, roof and attic space insulation, water efficient restroom equipment and energy saving bulbs. The Parish Council actively maintain a wildlife area for the village community and have an active policy of supporting community led projects.