

Old Woughton Parish Council recognises the importance for its members, employees, user groups and volunteers 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.

Old Woughton Parish Council accepts that to achieve this those involved with the Council need to take responsibility for their own actions and accept 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;

1. buying products made from recycled or recyclable materials for use in the Council's facilities.
2. avoiding buying disposable products and re-use materials wherever possible
3. encourage support of the recycling and composting schemes and local green waste site within the Milton Keynes area.
4. repairing/refurbishing items/equipment if possible using local people to reduce carbon footprint
5. 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.
6. encouraging electronic communication to replace paper
7. supporting local products where possible to reduce 'Food Miles'
8. supporting all the local cycle routes to reduce the reliance on motor vehicles and encourage the use of the cycle-tracks to commute
9. supporting youth schemes for young people to encourage awareness of the environment in the youth.
10. supporting initiatives that reduce vandalism, graffiti and litter in our community
11. supporting events that foster a "sense of community" within the parish.
12. supporting and encouraging plant and animal diversity
13. support the ethos of community wellbeing by actively supporting all parish open green spaces for the use of all communities and ensuring all current green areas/open spaces are maintained for the continued use of the community.
14. supporting "sympathetic" planning and objecting to "unsympathetic" planning applications
15. supporting the use of the allotment site for community led projects and projects that promote community endeavour

REVIEW HISTORY

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