



Belbroughton Cricket Club

Environmental Policy

This Environmental Policy covers all aspects of Belbroughton Cricket Club operations – from good housekeeping measures such as using both sides of paper prior to recycling, to ensuring that all purchases meet current environmental guidelines. The policy also commits us to promoting suppliers and services which adhere to environmentally sound ways of operating.

All members will have access to this Environmental Policy through a copy in the Members Handbook. The Environmental Policy will be regularly referred to in decision-making at committee meetings and it shall be reviewed bi-annually by the General Committee.

Belbroughton Cricket Club practices the principles of the **3Rs** by:

1. **Reducing** waste where possible by thinking about what we buy and how we use it. Non-essential documents and emails will not be printed. We will annually review which internal documents and external publications are essential, if they are not they will be cancelled thus reducing waste and saving money. We will endeavour to avoid disposable cups and food packaging. We will ensure all our printing and photocopying is done on double-sided paper.
2. **Re-use** wherever possible by trying to find a second life for items especially paper and office stationery. Scrap paper will be used in printers, fax machines, for taking messages and for writing notes or draft copies of documents. We are committed to the re-use of envelopes and packaging where possible.
3. **Recycle** as the least preferred option of the 3Rs. All paper, card, glass, tin will be recycled. Toner cartridges and inkjets will also be recycled. If furniture or IT equipment is being replaced then Belbroughton Cricket Club will seek to have those items reused or recycled. We will use/support social economy organisations to recycle materials as appropriate.
4. Belbroughton Cricket Club will **buy recycled**. We will endeavour to switch all publications and general papers to 100% post-use waste recycled papers, any additional purchasing costs will be balanced against reduced consumption. When purchasing other items of equipment recycled options will be considered.
5. Belbroughton Cricket Club will seek to purchase **fair-traded and environmentally sound goods**. In particular sourcing of refreshments for teas, parties, meetings, and events should wherever possible be purchased from local suppliers to reduce food miles.
6. Belbroughton Cricket Club will promote the use of cycling and walking as the main means of **travel** to local meetings, and use public transport where systems allow efficient use. For journeys that require the use of a car, car sharing will be encouraged.
7. Belbroughton Cricket Club will seek to minimize the use of **energy** in its activities. For example lights and equipment will be switched on only when needed and not out of routine.