

## **9th Lymington Sea Scouts - Environmental Policy**

Everything we do (including those groups hiring the facilities at HQ) is focused on mitigating our impact on the environment. The purpose of this policy is to outline some of the ways that we can demonstrate, where possible, our commitment to protecting our environment. This includes, but is not limited to, the following areas.

### Energy

Whilst it is essential to ensure the safety and comfort of our members, we commit to remaining careful about not wasting resources. Where possible we will...

- Use lighting only in the areas being used
- Be mindful when turning the heat on
- Switch lights and heating off when not in use

### Recycling

Where possible, we recycle all paper. Recycling bags are available at HQ and facility hirers are asked to take their recycling with them. Toner Cartridges – We offer a service to members' families to recycle their printer cartridges

### Materials

Materials that we use for activities, and HQ, are sourced to be as environmentally sound as possible. For example:

- Toilet and kitchen roll should be made from recycled paper
- Paper for printing should be from recycled sources
- We should only use environmentally friendly cleaning products

### Activities

Leaders must seek to minimise environmental damage wherever possible. All activities are to be conducted with their environmental impact in mind.

- The hut and grounds should be a litter free environment
- We will conserve & protect the trees and wildlife within our grounds as is reasonably practical
- We will seek to clear the grounds of unwanted items (eg, baths, boats, trailers)
- Sections/Leaders are encouraged to use the minibus wherever possible for transport
- During water activities we will seek to follow the RYA's Blue Green code for environmental good practice
- Where possible we explore the use of environmentally friendly/sustainable products for boat maintenance