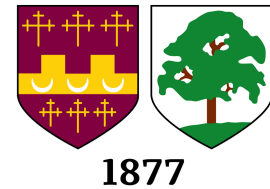


# Sustainability Policy

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OLNEY R.F.C.



## Olney RFC – A Sustainable Club

### Introduction and Aims

Olney Rugby Club is a community sports club, comprised of five rugby pitches spanning Doffs Fields and the Recreation Grounds in Olney, Buckinghamshire. Our clubhouse facilities include changing facilities, the serving of food & beverages, occasional meetings and functions as well as the administration of the club. We recognise that our operations result in pollution to air, water, & soil and cause the generation of waste.

As a club, we are committed to providing a quality service and experience for our club members and our visitors in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy environment for our volunteers, whilst minimising our potential impact on the environment. We will operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and we will strive to protect our local environment.

### Objectives

#### **Energy Conservation:**

- Promote efficient use of materials and resources throughout our facility particularly those that are non-renewable.
- Preserve energy by ensuring that all lights and machinery utilised within the clubhouse are switched off when not in use.

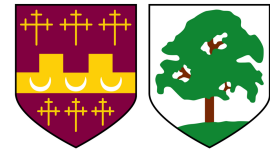
#### **Waste Management:**

- Consider environmental issues and in response create effective management schemes to help lessen the impacts we cause.
- Reduce the generation of waste through re-use and recycling.
- Provide multiple recycling bins around our premises to encourage our members and customers to support us in creating a more sustainable club.
- Dispose of printer ink cartridges in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Ensure that waste is collected and disposed of by authorised contractors.

#### **Purchasing Policy:**

- Purchase and use environmentally responsible products.
- We will try to minimise packaging where possible and look for packaging which is recycled or can easily be recycled.

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**Wildlife and Nature Conservation:**

- Understand the importance of preserving the natural habitat of our local environment, previously utilised as arable land.
- Promote and maximise the biodiversity value of the wildlife and habitats of the land surrounding our pitches
- Employ a cautious approach when carrying out building maintenance and pest control. Coordinate external advice and specialist contractors regarding pest control when invasive species rise over the tolerance threshold.

## Commitments

Olney Rugby Club commits to;

- Providing a safe and pleasant working environment for all our volunteers.
- Taking a proactive approach to constantly improve our environmental situation.
- Conserving energy and water and to reduce waste in the clubhouse.
- Promoting wider environmental change by careful choice of products and services.
- Integrating the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all of our decision making and activities.
- Promoting environmental awareness among our club members.
- Encouraging both our members and the general public that visit our premises to support our vision for a sustainable future.
- Reminding club members of the energy savings that can be made through simple behavioural changes by posting signage in the clubhouse.

*Agreed at ORFC Committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019*