



VERWOOD CONCERT BRASS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Verwood Concert Brass (VCB), as a UK Charity with over one hundred members, recognises the need to practice environmental sustainability and protect the environment by reducing our carbon footprint, minimising waste and preventing pollution. In order to meet these objectives we will implement the following actions:

Travel

- As a semi-rural organisation, poorly served by public transport the use of public transport is rarely a viable option. Therefore we will encourage car sharing amongst our members when attending rehearsals, concerts & contests.
- Where practical, we will organise coach or mini-bus transport for players to contests that are outside the region

Waste Reduction

- Where possible, waste produced in the Band Hall will be recycled.
- Re-usable cups and dishes will be used for serving tea and cakes at concerts & events.
- Where possible, items (e.g. cardboard & plastic folders/sleeves and uniform/VCB logoed clothing) will be re-used

Energy Efficiency

- When heating is required, the thermostat in the Band Hall will be kept turned down (below 21°C).
- The loft within the band hall will be kept insulated in accordance with recommended standards
- Where COVID requirements necessitate windows and doors to be kept open the heating will be turned off and band members encouraged to wear warm clothing instead.

- All lights and electrical devices, including the photocopier, will be turned off at the end of each rehearsal.
- When purchasing new devices, energy-efficient options will be sourced.

Environmental Sustainability

The band hall will be kept in good order with any leaks or dripping taps repaired quickly and the boiler regularly serviced.

When carrying out any modifications to the band hall, environmental standards in place at the time will be adhered to and VCB will consider the merits of environmental sustainability associated with any options for improvements or modifications to the band hall or purchasing of new equipment.

Responsibility

The VCB Committee (Charity Trustees) will be responsible for implementing and reviewing this Environmental Policy. The policy will be reviewed annually.