



# Warrington Museum of Freemasonry

## Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement

**Name of museum: Warrington Museum of Freemasonry (WMF)**

**Name of governing body: Warrington Museum of Freemasonry Board of Trustees**

**Date on which this policy was approved by governing body: February 2018**

**Policy review procedure:**

**The Environmental Policy will be published and reviewed from time to time, at least once every five years.**

**Date at which this policy is due for review: December 2019**

## **1. Introduction**

Relationship to other relevant policies/plans of the organisation:

The museum's statement of purpose is:

To create a stimulating resource, reflecting best practice, to represent the development of Freemasonry both nationally and locally, as part of Warrington's cultural environment, and to provide a varied and high-quality heritage experience for all members of the community.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Warrington Museum of Freemasonry policies:

Forward Plan

Collections Care and Conservation Policy and Action Plan

## **2. Environmental commitment**

The Trustees and Volunteers of the Warrington Museum of Freemasonry are committed to providing a sustainable service which aims to minimise its environmental impact.

The Following are the primary areas where we have committed to improvement, and the actions to be taken are detailed within the Collections Care and Conservation Action Plan.

- Reduce energy costs and environmental impact by moving to energy efficient lighting.
- Turn off all lighting when museum is empty, turn off case lighting if carrying out administrative work

- Keep the door of the museum closed when not in use to help maintain consistent temperature within the museum room
- Paper products, stationery (use of recycled materials and recycling of used materials)
- Sourcing local suppliers where possible
- Equipment (using / replacing old equipment with 'A'-rated energy efficient equipment where possible)
- Pollution no chemicals used in cleaning
- Waste disposal
- Volunteer training

### **3. Limitations**

Warrington Museum of Freemasonry is entirely within a purpose built Masonic Hall, which is run by the Warrington Masonic Hall Company Ltd. It is therefore not possible to have a direct effect upon the carbon footprint of the Museum room as all heating is controlled centrally.

Both hot and cold water is available centrally from the Masonic Hall kitchen.

The Masonic Hall was built in 1933 and the Masonic Hall company is careful to maintain the fabric of the Masonic Hall as true to its original specification as possible, whilst maintaining it to a high standard and improving the energy efficiency of the building.

### **Policy Approved by Board of Trustees**

**Signature:** *B Jameson*

**Name:** **Barry Jameson**

**Date:** **19 March 2018**