



HENLEY ROWING CLUB

STATEMENT ON WASTE MANAGEMENT, RECYCLING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY (June 2020)

The Trustees and Committee of Henley Rowing Club strive to create an environment at the club which encourages all club members to act responsibly to keep the environment clean, reduce unnecessary waste, to use resources efficiently, and to responsibly recycle any waste that cannot be avoided.

As a general rule materials for waste disposal should be segregated for the two external bins, which are for club rubbish only. Cardboard, glass and some recyclable plastics and mixed recyclables from general waste are placed in the Green (recycled materials) bin. Clear plastic bin bags only containing waste should be placed in this bin. The black (general waste bin) is for non-recyclable waste only.

Some examples of how we are implementing this policy include:

Batteries: A box for collection of batteries is available in the upstairs gym/club room and also in the downstairs gym. Batteries for disposal are taken to a recycling point.

Boat cleaning: boats should be wiped down after rowing to minimise use of unnecessary clean water. Clean water is not to be used to wash down the concrete and pontoons. The club has a water pump to connect the hose to river water when it is required to wash down these large areas.

Boat repairs: Items which are replaced eg shoes, wheels are not generally recyclable. We will investigate appropriate methods for recycling metal items and will aim to segregate these from general waste in the meantime.

Cars: car share to training and to events is encouraged. We encourage drivers to turn off their engines in the car park and not to leave cars at "idle".

Club bar: We do not use plastic drinking straws and do not supply drinks in single use packaging. All bottles and cans are recycled in the appropriate bins.

Club kitchen: No disposable cutlery or crockery is used for normal club catering. We aim to minimise food waste by liaising with coaches to optimise cooking quantities. Food and drink packaging is recycled in the bins provided. A separate waste food collection is not feasible at the present time. We use 'environmentally friendly' cleaning products/washing up liquid where possible.

Catering for Club Events and for Henley Open Events: We will use up residual stocks of disposable plates, cups and cutlery for future events. Where practical, we will consider sourcing disposable items made from recycled materials when new stocks are required. We will not supply single use plastic bottles for water and include a notice on our web site to state that a drinking water tap is available and that own bottles should be brought to the event.

Kit/Clothing: Members are reminded to name all kit and attempts are made to return items in the lost property areas to the owner. Better quality unclaimed lost property is offered for sale to club members. Suitable un-claimed clothing will be donated to a charity shop and other items will go to a clothing re-cycling bank.



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Lighting and heating: We have switched over to low energy consumption lighting systems where practical e.g. low energy light bulbs and lights on timers. We encourage members to turn off light switches and heaters and to close windows and doors to retain heat when the training session is finished. When selecting new suppliers for any future development we will take into account those that actively promote compliance with sound environmental principles.

Paint: old paint and solvents/cleaning materials will be disposed of responsibly. Solvents will not be disposed via rubbish bins or drains. Old paints are taken to the recycling centre for disposal .

Paper and paper towels: Members will be reminded to use paper towels sparingly for wiping down equipment. Members are encouraged to bring a towel for personal use during training and not use paper towels if possible.

Other paper waste: general paper is put in the recycling bin. Shredders are available for sensitive documents and the paper will then be put in the recycling bin.

We minimise use of printed materials by making all club communications/notifications via email. All club documents are available on the club website. A reduced number of copies of materials for meetings eg committee or AGM will be provided (double sided if possible).

Visiting crews: Visiting crews will be provided with our Environmental Policy and asked to abide by it.

Water bottles: The use of single- use water bottles is discouraged. All club members are encouraged to use a re-usable water bottle and to name this. Henley Rowing Club branded water bottles are available from kit@henleyrowingclub.org and at kit sales throughout the year.