

Green Policy for the Maldon Orchestra

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Green Policy Overview

The Maldon Orchestra is committed to minimising the environmental impact of its activities

About this policy

- This policy applies to all members, staff (whether employees or freelancers), volunteers and anyone working on behalf of Maldon Orchestra or taking part in Maldon Orchestra activities
- The purpose of this policy is to provide members, staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to the protection of the environment

Travel

Our rehearsal venue is located central to the Maldon District at the West Maldon Community Centre. It is located on a bus route for those who would prefer to use public transport. Car sharing should be positively encouraged for rehearsals and concerts to keep vehicle emissions to a minimum. Our concerts should be held within a 30 minute travelling distance from the WMCC to ensure that no one has to travel too far and they are held at various locations within that area throughout the year.

Rehearsals and concerts

Ventilation should be as natural as possible using open windows and not relying on air conditioning. Members should be encouraged to bring their own soft drinks to reduce the electricity used to boil kettles and wash up dirty cups.

Music and printing

Our music is held digitally and should only be printed as necessary. The paper used for printing should be obtained from Forest Stewardship Council Approved Sources. Old music should be offered to the members or recycled through the paper recycling. The plastic covers and spines should be reused for future concerts. Printed covers should be reused as many times as viable. Advertising for concerts should largely be done online to reach the widest audience.

Orchestra equipment

Repairs should be undertaken of the Orchestra's equipment wherever possible. If possible, additional equipment should be borrowed or rented as required.

Reselling of instruments

Players should be encouraged to advertise any instruments which they are looking to sell on within the Orchestra to save the energy of creating a new instrument.

Policy review: This policy will be reviewed and amended (if necessary) by the Management Committee. It will also be reviewed in response to changes in relevant legislation, good practice or in response to an identified failing in its effectiveness.