

The Old Bank, Albion House, Market Place, Camelford PL32 9PF

Sustainability/Environmental Policy

The Old Bank is re-using the old Nat West building in Camelford.

Minor alterations were required to make the building usable as a community space. During these alterations, we re-used as many materials as possible, including the wood from demolishing a partition wall, carpet tiles and any other bits and pieces that have proved useful. We are also re-using a lot of equipment that has been donated to us by other charitable organisations including tables & chairs, photocopier, display boards, staging, etc.

The building is centrally located enabling the use of public transport, when available, to attend activities.

Our aim is to make the project as sustainable as possible by keeping prices low. This encourages lots of people to use the facilities so spreading the costs. By programming a variety of events and regular classes and meetings, we hope to help with the re-generation of the centre of Camelford and encourage more locals and tourists into the town, thus benefiting other local businesses. We try hard not to tread on anyone's toes, by not offering services that are already available elsewhere in the town.

We encourage recycling, providing specific bins for tins, cardboard, organic waste etc.

Our rent is very low, most of our labour is provided by volunteers - but rates, water, sewage, electricity, oil and other maintenance costs need to be met. We do this via fundraising activities and the rents and donations that users contribute.

To make the building more energy efficient: secondary glazing, changing the heating fuel and air conditioning system, increasing insulation levels etc would be sensible – however the costs involved in this would be prohibitive and our lease is only for a 5 year period.