



Blake Museum

## **Bridgwater Blake Museum**

### **Environmental Policy Statement 2015**

#### **Statement of Purpose**

The Blake Museum Bridgwater is established:

- to rescue from loss and destruction the relics of our ancestors;
- to collect, preserve, conserve and to show relics of history relating (principally but not exclusively) to Bridgwater and its immediate surroundings;
- to show visitors that Bridgwater is not indifferent to its own history;
- to interest visitors in what has happened in Bridgwater since it was granted its first Royal Charter in the reign of King John;
- to give the townspeople of Bridgwater pride in their past;
- to reveal that great events have taken place within the town and adjacent areas and set them in the context of the history of England;
- to honour the lives of great men and women who have lived or been associated with the town, and, in particular but not exclusively, Robert Blake.

#### **1. Local Environment**

The museum is committed to operate in such a way as to minimise its impact on the local environment.

#### **2. Heating**

The museum is only open to visitors from April to the end of October, and therefore heating is a minimal requirement. The heating is set to operate for very limited periods, but this can be overridden if the temperature becomes low. Heating is turned off during warmer periods.

#### **3. Lighting**

LED or energy saving lamps are to be fitted wherever practicable. Wherever practicable to install, lighting requirements in the galleries are to be activated automatically by body sensors, or is to be activated manually by the pressing of time limited switches.

#### **4. Winter Closure Period**

During the Winter closure period - November to March, volunteers undertake maintenance work and exhibition changes. This usually occurs on just two days per week. Lighting, and if required, heating, is kept to minimal requirements.

#### **5. Recycling**

Recyclable materials are to be put into recyclable sacks or other receptacle for disposal by the museum's waste carrier. A list of recyclable material can be found on the staff notice board.

This policy statement is to be reviewed annually in March by the MSC (Museum Sub-Committee)  
Items may be added as appropriate, and be approved at a MSC meeting during the policy  
statement year.

Signature: Graham Granter  
Chair of MSC

Date: 16 March 2015

Certified: Alan Hurford  
Town Clerk

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