

Dales Haven Guest House Environmental Policy

Preamble

As both a business and private household, we realise the need to be observant about environmental issues. We are therefore making a conscious effort to be more environmentally aware. In doing so, we have to strike certain balances, for instance regarding the safety and comfort of our guests and the quality of the service we provide. Our property dates back to the 18th century and we have to be mindful of its location in a protected conservation area.

Local Produce

We source as much of our everyday groceries as possible locally. For instance, our bacon, sausages and black pudding are from a local butcher and our free-range eggs and pasteurised milk are supplied by a local farmer.

Vegetables are bought from the town market on a weekly basis.

Motoring and Travel

Living and working in a rural location means that a car is essential but we have made a real effort to reduce our motoring pollution.

Energy Saving

Our house dates back to the 18th century and so we have old-fashioned high ceilings and solid walls. We have installed secondary double glazing to most windows.

Our loft is insulated.

Our central heating system is modern and efficient system.

Radiators in guest bedrooms are fitted with thermostats.

As we replace appliances, we replace with more efficient units whenever possible.

Most of the light bulbs we use are of the new low-energy type and we aim to move to 100 per cent low energy bulbs.

Laundry

Washing and drying sheets and towels for a guest house business represents a large expenditure on energy. We have A-rated appliances for maximum efficiency and wash on economy cycles whenever possible. We have tried to strike a sensible balance with regard to the provision of towels and provide

guests with bath towels in preference to larger bath sheets in order to reduce energy. Bath sheets are available on request.

Water

All our guest bedrooms have en suite shower rooms in preference to bathrooms, which we believe provides a sensible balance between comfort and care for the environment.

Waste and Recycling

We buy much of our produce locally and try to minimise packaging waste. Wherever possible we recycle glass, newspaper, cardboard and plastic bottles.

Mailing

We make a conscious effort to use electronic communication whenever possible, for instance we will email a letter of confirmation instead of posting with the agreement of guests.

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