

# *The White Hart Guest Accommodation with award-winning Tearoom*

## *Environmental Policy*

At The White Hart Tea Room, the environment is important to us and we do everything possible to try to reduce the effect we have. We have adopted these guidelines and introduced an Environmental Policy to help us to focus on protecting the environment and to create a sustainable future for us all. This is the start of a long journey for us all.

- We will ensure that the White Hart Tea Rooms will comply with all relevant environmental legislation.
- We will train our employees to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner.
- We will try to encourage our business partners and suppliers to strive for the same high levels of environmental performance.
- We will document and communicate our environmental policy to employees and customers (the first step being here!).
- We will work with others to help us to improve our understanding and performance.

### **Our Environmental Policy:**

We aim to reduce our effect on the environment by reducing and considering these issues:

#### **Heating:**

- Our roof space has been amply insulated with 200mm of lagging
- Curtains are lined and of an appropriate length to reduce heat loss
- Our windows are secondary glazed and draught free
- Radiators all have individual thermostatic valves so we can control the temperature
- When our bedrooms are unoccupied, we reduce the heating (but obviously turn it up when someone stays!)
- We have a new energy efficient boiler
- Our water tank has been lagged to conserve heat
- When bedrooms are serviced, staff are briefed to think about the windows and radiators to ensure the room is heated appropriately.

#### **Energy:**

- Light bulbs are all energy efficient
- Energy consumption is monitored

#### **Water:**

- We only use the water we need, in kettles, in cooking etc
- Bedrooms are 'water aware' as we have installed showers rather than baths
- Taps, toilets and showers are maintained to avoid drips
- Where possible, toilets are dual flush
- We wait until the dishwasher is full until it's turned on
- Kettles in the rooms can heat just 1 cup of water if required
- We have a water butt to use to water the flowers in the Courtyard
- We encourage guests to re-use their towels

**Food:**

- Wherever possible, ingredients are sourced locally
- We try to use local producers and suppliers as often as we can; they will always be our first choice.
- We have an extensive menu available for vegetarians and those with food allergies
- Our sheep enjoy any unused bread and our chickens get fed any appropriate food waste

**Laundry:**

- Our laundry is undertaken by local Company White's

**Recycling:**

- We recycle glass, plastics, foil, metal, tetra packs, paper, card, cooked food waste
- Staff sort waste in bins from the rooms before it is 'washed and squashed'
- Computer ink cartridges are recycled

**Transport:**

- Bus timetables, cycling routes and details of how to reach us using public transport are available to all guests

**Where we can:**

- We purchase local food
- We use local suppliers and contractors
- Our employees all live locally
- We use eco-friendly cleaning products, dishwasher powder and washing powder
- We buy in bulk
- We use recycled paper
- We provide transport to guests attending a wedding at The Ashes, Endon
- We take card payments and pay bills by BACS, lessening trips to the bank
- We communicate by email to reduce our use of paper and envelopes
- We avoid using unnecessary packaging
- We use large dispensers in the rooms lessening the need for small shampoo / bath bottles
- We use low rated appliances to reduce energy consumption

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