

BEDFORD LODGE GREEN POLICY

ENERGY

- Solar lights have been utilised to light the garden & pathways
- Automatic 'switch off standby' devices are attached to televisions
- Install Thermostats to radiators during room renovations
- All new radiators will have them fitted as standard
- Brief housekeeping to turn all equipment from 'standby' to off in each room, each day
- Change bulbs to low energy equivalents
- Replace light fittings if the current ones will not take low energy bulbs
- Energy consumption is being recorded and targets will be set for reductions
- One set of exterior lights has been fitted with a timer switch so we do not rely on ourselves turning it off.
- During the day, the internal lights are also turned off
- We use eco-balls in our tumble dryer to reduce drying times

PRODUCE

- Fairtrade coffee and tea for dining rooms and hospitality trays
- We purchase our meat from local suppliers
WA Shanklin provides the bacon and sausages
- We buy free-range eggs only and also milk from Coppid Hall Dairy
- I am investigating the use of unbranded, free-range eggs
We grow tomatoes and herbs in the garden
- Farmers markets are listed on our breakfast menus
- Switched from wrapped soaps to re-usable dispensers
- Ales from both Goddard's and Ventnor Breweries

FUNDRAISING

We fundraise for The Wight Squirrel Project and Gift to Nature

- We make a handling charge to return lost property which we then donate
- We have a weekly cake sale
- Sell Gift to Nature products
- Encourage adoption of Wight Squirrels
- Encourage membership of both charities
- Donation boxes

PURCHASING

- We buy locally where possible and support the local stationers, cobblers, ironmongers, florists and greengrocer
- We use recycled products where possible including toilet paper, bin bags and stationary
- We have featured stock from local shops in the hotel

WASTE

We recycle as much as possible and minimise use and wastage

We buy in bulk and send confirmations by e-mail where possible

- OFFICE PAPER
- NEWSPAPERS – for guests use by the front door
- CARDBOARD – on site bin
- ORGANIC – All food from kitchen is composted on site
- GLASS – on site bin
- LAND FILL BIN – minimised by 50% this year
- Used Stamps & Ink Cartridges – IOW Society for the Blind

FURNITURE

We give old furniture and linen to a Housing Charity, they have already collected 4 benches, 2 wardrobes, 6 single beds, 1 dressing table and 2 chest of drawers

WATER

- Our en-suites are being refurbished with showers rather than baths and dual flush toilets
- Older cisterns have been fitted with water displacing devices (hippos)
- Larger showerheads have been fitted to all bathrooms
- Towel replacement policy in place – only when requested and additional towel rails have been provided for drying
- 3 Water Butts installed to collect rainwater for garden
- The purchase of a new larger washing machine will increase load size and save water
- We adhere to a strict full load policy for our dishwasher and washing machine
- Housekeeping check each day for any dripping taps

TRANSPORT

GUESTS ENCOURAGED NOT TO BRING CARS

- We use our proximity to the station as a selling point
- And encourage people to walk or cycle when they are here
- We have a local arrangement with a firm to drop off bikes at very short notice
- I have cleared land at the rear of the building for use by cyclists
- I am putting costs together for a storage shed and bike wash area
- Route maps for walks and cycle trails
- OS maps are available for people to borrow
- We order in bulk to avoid delivery miles
- We supply maps and timetable for all the local public transport, and will also buy passes in advance of arrival
- Discounts to cyclists during Cycling Festivals

GARDEN AND ENVIRONMENT

- We have two bird boxes, a birdbath and feeding table
- RED SQUIRRELS visit our garden to feed from our fir tree, we have installed an additional squirrel feeder
- Encourage the adoption of the red squirrels and actively promote the project
- Collecting seeds from current plants to cultivate for next year
- HISTREE TRAIL - Our Old Beech trees are included in the new walk around Shanklin.
- At bat box marks the oldest tree, Victoria.
- FROG POND – was completed July 08

LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Member of the Friends of Shanklin Theatre
- Helper with the Shanklin Christmas Festival
- We have a list of recommended restaurants in Shanklin with menus and opening times

INFORMATION FILES

- Guest rooms have detailed Information files
- Eco-Island – we keep up to date information on this initiative
- Green Activities – details of things to do locally
- Taste the Wight – collection of clipping and reviews

CLEANING

- We use microfibre cloths where possible, rather than cleaning products
- We are always testing different products with a view to switching to more environmentally friendly options
- We have Eco-balls for the washing machine and dryer

THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE

- CAR OWNERSHIP
We own two cars as a family and one is now quite old. When it is no longer serviceable we will be purchasing either an electric car or a car that can run on bio-diesel.
- HEN HOTEL
We are clearing space in our back garden area for the installation of a chicken run
- Solar Panels for water heating
- Additional exterior solar lighting
- Replacement of old boilers for more efficient versions
- Switching energy suppliers

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

Green Island Scheme

Member - Silver

Green Tourism Business Scheme

Awaiting Grading

Gift to Nature

Business Member