

Environmental & Sustainability Policy

Isle of Wight Hotels Ltd

So here's the thing.... we're not perfect!

But rest assured, we love our Island and know how fortunate we are to be located in one of the UK's most stunning natural environments.

With this in mind, you should know we are 100% committed to a policy of sound and responsible environmental management and that we're working continuously to minimize our carbon footprint.

Background

We are proud to be a family business and we are passionate about making sure this beautiful place is here to enjoy for generations to come.

Sustainability is widely demanded by our customers; therefore we have incorporated this into our daily operations.

We want you to have the perfect stay with us, knowing that your holiday environment is being cared for by us in as many ways as we can!

Our Green Objectives

- To minimize our carbon footprint by improving our environmental and sustainable performance year on year
- To ensure optimal waste management and to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill
- To encourage our guests and employees to get on board
- To always comply with relevant environmental legislation and to take a proactive approach to future and anticipated requirements and obligations

Our Hotel

- We monitor our energy consumption very closely
- We are in the process of replacing all bulbs throughout our hotels with LEDs
- All glass and cardboard is recycled
- We are working with our suppliers to reduce transport and packaging while increasing the usage of environmentally friendly products and supplies
- We recycle, upcycle, re-use, sell or donate to charity our old furniture
- Old dishcloths, tea towels and towels are donated to local garages
- Old bed linen is used in staff accommodation or donated to local charities
- We buy in bulk wherever and whenever possible, in every department

Our Bedrooms

- Don't knock us.... we don't change your bed linen daily!
If you are staying a week or more, we will change the bed linen after your 4th night. If you are here for a short break, we won't change your bed linen at all
- Kettles are of a 1 litre capacity or less to save energy boiling water that is not required
- Kettles are low watt
- We use low energy bulbs where possible

Our Bathrooms

- To reduce detergent and water usage, towels are provided for the duration of a guests stay. If you are staying a week or more, we will change your towels after the 4th night. Imagine if every guest was provided with fresh towels every day, the impact this would have – you wouldn't do it at home, so why expect it in a hotel?!
- We are currently sourcing recycled toilet rolls – watch this space
- We are discussing alternatives to single use toiletries at board level at this time – watch this space

Reception

- We have an online and telephone booking system which enables us to send all correspondence via email, thereby reducing paper and postage miles
- Guests are able to view bedrooms, facilities and availability online thereby reducing print materials
- Paper is re-cycled when possible
- Printer cartridges are sent away for recycling
- Batteries are collected for recycling
- We purchase recycled and reconditioned printer cartridges
- We have started to print double sided wherever possible

Food & Beverage

- We use a local butcher for our meat and poultry supplies
- We use locally sourced products wherever possible
- To the best of our knowledge, all of our products are GM free

How you can help....

CONSERVE ENERGY

- Turn all lights off in your accommodation & ensuite bathroom when you go out for the day
- When possible close the windows and doors and draw the curtains rather than turn up the heating
- Turn the TV sets off at the plug rather than leave on standby
- Only boil the amount of water you need in the kettle
- Unplug your mobile phone charger immediately after use or switch off at the plug socket when in the plug but not in use

BE WATER WISE

- 6 litres of water is wasted per minute if the tap is left running while brushing your teeth. The UK has rising costs for water treatments and flood defences, so we encourage you to be water wise during your stay and turn off the taps when not in use or when doing the simple things such as brushing your teeth

RECYCLE

- Please use the designated general waste and recycle bins provided in our self catering apartments – we will collect and empty these for you daily between 9am and Midday.
- If you accumulate lots of glass bottles, there are recycle points at Morrison's and Tesco's, or you can bring these into the hotel and we will recycle these for you.

GIVE THE CAR A REST

- Getting to the Isle of Wight couldn't be easier and we encourage you to leave the car at home the next time you pay us a visit.
- Once you are here, leave your keys at home and enjoy a drink or 2 while using our fabulous network of buses and trains. Alternatively, www.routeifty7.com offer premium bike hire and will even deliver and collect your bike for you!

SHOP / EAT LOCAL

- If you are staying in one of our self catering apartments, Sandown now has a great fruit & veg shop and bakery, and you'll also find a fabulous butchers, bakery and fruit & veg just in Shanklins Regent Street just a short drive away.
- If you are staying the hotel, save on petrol and book in for breakfast and dinner in our fabulous on site restaurant complete with sea views.

RESPECT NATURE / OUR BEACHES

- You would not believe the amount of litter we see left on the beach every day here in Sandown! Help us to look after our stunning landscape and coastline, and protect our local wildlife by taking all your rubbish home with you after a day on the beach or by using local litter bins. If the nearest local litter bin is full, please don't leave your rubbish on top of it or on the pavement beside it....
- Why not pick up 3 pieces of plastic every time you go to the beach. If all of our guests did this, how much plastic do you think we'd collect in a year?