

## **Environmental Policy**

At [Hazelmere](#) we aim to reduce our effect on the environment by recycling and considering the following issues:

### Heating:

- The roof space has been lagged to 200mm.
- All curtains are of ample length and lined to reduce heat loss.
- All windows are double glazed and draught free.
- All radiators have individual thermostatic control valves.
- Heating is reduced to minimum when rooms unoccupied.
- The Boiler is a new energy efficient model.
- Water tank has full lagging to conserve heat.
- Staff are expected to think of windows/radiators as each room is serviced.

### Water:

- We have been replacing light bulbs with energy efficient ones as necessary.
- Fridges are A rated energy efficient.
- A rated washing machines have economy and half full programmes.
- Electricity & gas usage monitored.
- Lights and clocks switched off when rooms unoccupied.
- Washing is hung out to dry whenever possible to avoid using tumble driers.
- We have investigated solar panels but cost prohibitive.
- We monitor energy/water consumption.
- We are investigating energy supplies from renewable sources.

### Power:

- We encourage guests to re-use their towels, replacing only when required.
- We boil only sufficient water in kettles for our needs – staff aware.
- Rooms have water awareness notices to encourage showers rather than baths.
- Taps etc. maintained to avoid drips.
- Toilets have dual flush.
- Washing machines have half full programmes.
- Dishwasher only used when full.
- We have a water butt to use in the garden.
- Kettles will be replaced with smaller models to heat 1 cup more easily.

### Transport:

- We buy as many things locally & in bulk as possible – use journeys to take recycling at same time to avoid unnecessary fuel consumption.
- Eggs are free range, locally sourced and delivered in bulk.
- Fair Trade goods delivered in bulk from The Fairground, Kendal.
- Our car has 1.6 litre engine and runs on unleaded.
- Guests are encouraged to use public transport – bus timetables available and walks provided from the house which are also on web site.
- Bike storage is available and we advertise this.

### Environmental Issues:

- We use email when possible rather than use paper and envelopes
- We are aware of buying sustainable products and do so when we can.

- We avoid getting carrier bags and any forms of unnecessary packaging.
- We are vegetarian and garden organically.
- We were one of the first B&Bs in Keswick to provide Fair Trade tea/coffee etc.
- We have been members of the National Trust for over 40 years.
- Andy is keen on preserving the fells as a member of the Mountain Rescue Team for over 30 years.
- Lynne is Chair of Keswick Flood Action Group and is concerned with global warming and the effects on our river systems/lakes.
- We use shampoo/soap dispensers which are easily replenished.
- We are investigating the use of environmentally friendly cleaning products.

Recycle:

- We recycle all glass, hard and soft plastics, foil, metal, tetra packs, paper and card. Our staff are expected to sort waste in bins from rooms and this is "washed and squashed".
- Egg boxes are returned to farm.
- Computer ink cartridges recycled for Air Ambulance.
- Postage stamps also go to Air Ambulance.
- All potato peelings/tea bags etc. are composted.
- Any bedding etc. which is replaced goes to the Oxfam shop.