

# GREEN POLICY

## REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

- Recycle bins onsite with clear labelling and recycling information
- Majority of furniture within the units & cottage are either recycled or made from recycled materials
- We reduce the amount of paper we use by processing most of our business online rather than using printed media
- Reduce the amount of fuel we use by using low energy light bulbs, renewable energy, hand tools rather than electric, cycling (or using public transport) rather than driving wherever possible, and using wood rather than electricity/gas to heat where possible.
- We use recycled wood from a waste recycling company, recycled pallets from builders' yards and wood offcuts/briquettes from a carpentry workshop for fire/burner wood.

## COMPOST

- We compost all food waste – collecting from a container within the communal cooking area to our own compost container. We also have a compost loo which will turn human waste into safe manure. Duck & chicken waste is also composted.

## GREEN ENERGY

- Solar lighting in the garden and in the units and communal areas
- Solar heated showers in the shower block
- Solar 'jungle showers' for use by campsite users as well
- Low energy lightbulbs used throughout
- Wind-up lanterns and torches are used as back-up lighting for the units
- Bike lights are LED low energy bulbs and use rechargeable batteries
- No mains electric to the units (except the cottage)

## WILDLIFE/ LANDSCAPE

- Pathways through wildflowers/trees to ensure minimal disturbance to wildlife areas
- One area is set aside as a wildlife conservation area
- We are encouraging and planting indigenous trees and shrubs/hedges and also plants which are of specific interest/benefit to wildlife
- Bird nesting boxes and feeders are provided & well stocked
- Lighting at night time is kept to a minimum to avoid light pollution and disturbance to wildlife
- Unnatural sound is kept to a minimum onsite – no amplified music, no TV's etc
- Donations are made to wildlife charities for each night a unit is occupied

- We encourage a nature balance i.e. lacewing homes to keep aphid population down, ducks to keep mosquitos & snails down, cats to keep mice down etc
- No new concrete has been added to the site (except in supporting our gateposts at the entrance) in order to develop the campsite business – we have utilised existing outbuildings, and all other development has been made using natural materials and/or removable structures
- Books and charts encourage recognition and appreciation of different species of wildlife

## EDUCATION

- Books, charts and posters are on view containing information about various issues including green energy, green building methods, wildlife, healthy eating and environmentally friendly lifestyles
- We hand make our yurts on site and our workshop forms part of the reception/shop area so that guests can see how a yurt is made. It is hoped that in the long term workshops will be held teaching a variety of country crafts and skills

## CLEANING/ CHEMICALS

- We use natural and eco cleaning products wherever possible, and all soaps etc are made from natural ingredients.
- Towels and other soft furnishings (except sheets) are coloured rather than white so that harsh chemicals and very hot washes are not necessary
- Towels and other linen will only be washed at changeover, or at the request of a guest, to eliminate unnecessary cleaning
- Wherever possible, we use no unnatural chemicals, for instance eco paints, linseed oil for wood treatment etc.
- We use no weedkiller or chemical fertilisers
- We use only natural ingredients in cooking

## WATER

- We try to minimise the use of water wherever possible – press taps in communal areas, eco flush option on toilets etc.
- The compost loo uses no water at all
- We store rainwater for watering plants etc and it is hoped that in the future we will find a means to store larger amounts of rainwater for use in cleaning

## OUR ETHOS/ETHICS

- We support local independent traders and encourage our guests to do the same
- We stock locally made handicrafts in our shop
- The pub will stock locally made ales and wines
- The welcome pack, pre-order packs and picnic hampers contain mostly locally made items
- We try to avoid products with excessive packaging and favour fairly traded and UK made products

- We try to avoid buying new furniture, buying second hand or making furniture from recycled materials instead, and looking after items to prolong their life
- Our yurts are hand made on site from locally grown wood, and almost entirely using hand tools
- The yurt canvas is 100% cotton and the plastic parts (skirt & windows in crown) are made from recycled tents and pushchair rain covers
- We are continually looking for new ways to reduce our carbon footprint and keep up-to-date with green issues and ethical consumer news
- We keep an eco diary recording events and progress in our commitment to being as environmentally friendly as possible