

Environmental policy

We are committed to minimising our energy and material consumption.

What we have done already is:

- Replaced almost all conventional light bulbs with low energy ones;
- Installed solar panels to help heat the swimming pool;
- Insulated the walls of the most vulnerable bedrooms with an ongoing programme to do them all;
- Recycle as much as is possible;
- Upgrading to dual-flush toilets;
- Compost all vegetable waste
- Have groceries delivered, rather than make additional car journeys;
- Always take reusable bags shopping;
- Bicycle and/or public transport whenever possible;
- Set up the TV/Sky/DVD in the lounge to go Off rather than to Standby; this does mean that it takes a few moments for Sky to reconnect to the satellite.
- Use local produce when possible and local tradespeople and small companies
- Buy products bulk and decant so as to reduce packaging waste.

What we are exploring actively:

- Whether we can get planning permission for a wind powered turbine
- Whether a Biomass boiler would be suitable for the house
- Searching for environmentally friendly cleaning products that actually work

What we ask of you is:

- Put cast-off newspapers & magazines in the box on the upstairs landing;
- Unfortunately the water upstairs is all from a header tank, so we provide one water bottle per new guest. But please refill it from the jug in the bar or ask us to refill it from the kitchen when you need to;
- When returning to the house, put all the recyclables you may have in the green box beside the wheelie bin outside the back door. Put compostibles in the compost bucket in the kitchen;
- Use the short flush on the dual flush toilets, unless otherwise necessary.