

RINGWOOD HALL HOTEL & SPA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

OVERVIEW

The management of Ringwood Hall Hotel & Spa recognises the importance of operating in an environmentally friendly manner and in compliance with environmental legislation, regulations and approved codes of practice.

All measures reasonably practicable will be carried out to minimise any negative impact on the local and global environment.

The maintenance of good relations with regulatory authorities is considered an important part of this to ensure that we are aware of the latest initiatives and opportunities to improve our performance. This includes the pursuance of grant funding to enhance and speed up our actions.

There are several key areas that we encourage all of our staff to monitor and actively improve:

An increase in the use of recyclable and renewable materials.

A reduction in the consumption of raw materials, water and fossil fuels.

A reduction in the amount of waste produced.

An awareness of the environmental impact of the company's operation and activities.

The limitation of the escape of noise from the site to surrounding areas.

The limitation of production and discharge of pollutants to land, air and water.

DAY TO DAY IMPACT REDUCTION

The following steps are those which we have taken, or are making plans to take, in order to carry out our business in an environmentally safe and responsible manner.

- Heating systems in all areas except the old house are turned off during the summer months
- Under floor heating in bathrooms in the Bothy Lodges are turned off in the summer months
- Motion sensors are fitted to lights in the refurbished Bothy Lodges corridors so that lights are not on when not needed .This process is ongoing with refurbishment projects.
- Rainwater is harvested off the Ringwood roof and used for watering formal gardens
- Low energy lightbulbs are fitted wherever possible .Ongoing in refurbishment projects
- All staff are encouraged to be aware of turning off unnecessary lights, air conditioning units and appliances.
- Notices are displayed in all bathrooms asking guests to indicate if they require towels changing.
- Only biodegradable confetti is permitted at weddings.
- Waste oil from the kitchens is collected and recycled
- Waste build up from drain grease traps is collected and recycled.
- Where possible local suppliers are used to reduce transportation distances and therefore fuel emissions.
- Photocopier paper and envelopes are made of recycled products. We are working towards using as many recycled paper and card products as possible.
- Used printer cartridges are collected for recycling.
- All Bothy Lodges are insulated in line with current building regulations.
- Wherever possible double glazed units are used for replacement windows mindful of the restrictions imposed by listed building regulations.

- All radiators are fitted with thermostatic controls.
- Unwanted used blankets and bed linen are donated to RSPCA
- Unwanted curtains and furniture are donated to charity.
- Cardboard, glass and plastic are separated and recycled.
- Food waste is separated and recycled.
- Heating and hot water systems are serviced regularly to ensure maximum efficiency.
- Vegetable peelings and waste is used for compost in the kitchen gardens
- New trees are planted annually
- Materials used for building pathways is waste product from the construction industry.
- Electric bikes are available to hire with pre-booking via the hotel.
- Electric charge point has been installed for guest use whilst at the hotel.

Further improvements are under constant review and discussion.