

VALLEYBROOK - ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

We believe that one of our greatest assets are our location and grounds, therefore, we are committed to its long term sustainability – not just for our business, but for the wider environment. We believe it is important to take all reasonable measures to preserve and maintain standards for the sake of biodiversity and amenity.

From investigating our actions and impacts, we believe that our most significant impacts are emissions to water and air, energy use, non-sustainable resources and waste management. Having identified these points, our aim is to continue in our efforts to improve practices and minimize negative impacts as a result of our business operations in environmental terms. These can be summarised as follows:

Compliance

Fully comply with and keep up to date with all legislative and regulatory obligations and duties of care covering our operations, requiring our employees and contractors to act in accordance with our environmental policy. We will provide training and communication to achieve this, including information to our guests and encouraging their participation in achieving our aims.

Energy

Ensure that all new capital investment projects and maintenance are managed in a way that incorporates assessment of environmental impact and take appropriate action to reduce negative impacts. Future capital expenditure will provide for the replacement of equipment as and when required with more energy efficient alternatives, including heating and hot water boilers, roof insulation, lighting, and domestic appliances. Monitor energy use and expenditure for efficiency.

Water Conservation and Pollution Control

Take all reasonable measures to save water and take action to reduce water usage wherever possible. Implement measures designed to avoid or contain pollution to our stream and surrounding water table, over and above minimum legal requirements. We will also record and evaluate water meter records.

Flora and Fauna

Manage the site in an environmentally sensitive manner, to encourage and preserve native flora and fauna. On-going wildlife monitoring and surveying will enable us to assess levels of biodiversity. Site maintenance practices will reduce or remove need for chemical products, and compost green waste.

Transport and Local Purchasing

Staff are encouraged to car share. Guests are encouraged to enjoy more car-free days and take part in a range of local outdoor activities, which focus more on the natural environment and enjoyment of these assets. We will continue to focus on purchasing more ethical and environmental products for housekeeping, and encouraging guests to support our local suppliers and producers.

Waste Management and Recycling

Reduce waste from our activities through bulk purchasing or recycled products, any waste will be either reused or recycled as standard procedure. Green waste will be retained and reused onsite.

Social Responsibility and Community Support

Act in an environmentally sustainable and responsible manner, within our business and the local community. Foster a responsible approach in liaising with local business and environmental forums, supporting the work of local charities, plus supporting and sourcing locally when possible.

Who and How

Our environmental commitment will be achieved through raising employee awareness and incorporating those issues into the daily operation of our business. We will review our performance regularly and not less than annually in order to promote and facilitate continual improvements. Progress reports will be available upon request to interested parties.