

Green tourism policy

Walkers Farm Cottages are committed to good environmental practice and sustainable development. We have joined the Green Tourism Business Scheme which is the national sustainable tourism certification scheme for the UK. We are hoping to be graded on our environmental credentials during 2011.

We are demonstrating our commitment to environmental practice by:

- Encouraging use of public transport by providing time tables for bus and train, and providing pick up service for guests travelling to us by Train.
 - Encouraging walking and cycling, by providing local cycle/ walking routes folder, advertising local bike hire and secure on farm bike storage
 - Using environmentally friendly cleaning products in all the cottages and laundering all our linen onsite using environmentally friendly products.
 - Supporting local producers including Miles Tea and Coffee.
 - Supporting local charities and organisations such as the local church, help the heroes,
 - Endeavouring to be energy efficient by turning off appliances and heating when not essential
 - The majority of the appliances in the cottages are A – Rated to minimize energy consumption. Those that are not A rated will be upgraded in due time.
 - The majority of light bulbs used are energy efficient and we replace used / broken light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs.
 - Providing opportunity for recycling glass, plastic bottles, tin cans and newspapers, card board, batteries and compostable waste.
 - Shop locally to reduce carbon footprint and supporting local retailers and producers, we are also encouraging our guests to shop locally.
 - We invite guests to use water in a responsible manner.
 - Providing a nature diary and encouraging guests to walk around our farm and fill in the diary with any interesting sightings.
 - Recent installation of a Solar panel system to generate electricity for our Holiday cottages.
- How you can help:
- Choosing to give the car a holiday by walking, cycling and using public transport.
 - Please use energy considerately by turning off lighting when not in use and not having the heating on all day.
 - Trying locally sourced food and produce.
 - Switch off lights and TVs when not in use
 - Please close doors and windows when you using the heating.
 - Please avoid excessive use of water,
 - Using the bins provided for recycling and compostable waste.
 - Letting us know about any further actions you would like us to take

