



## The New Forest Green Leaf Tourism Business Scheme



**BRONZE**

### Montagu Arms Hotel

The New Forest Green Leaf Tourism Business Scheme encourages and assists member businesses in their journey towards delivering a responsible net zero business operation. Whether Bronze, Silver or Gold, the New Forest's Green Leaf businesses provide a credible collective strategy which aims to help the New Forest become the UK's greenest destination. A summary of the steps this business is taking can be found below.

#### **Responsible Travel**

**Responsible travel marketing and promotion on own website**

*Via our Green Policy on our website we encourage guests to travel sustainably*

**Provide literature promoting New Forest Tour and public transport**

*We provide the Open Top Bus Tour information within the Hotel*

**Provide literature promoting walking/cycling routes and cycle hire information**

*Within each room upon check in we have suggested walking routes available and within our dog hampers we provide a Go New Forest Map*

**Cycle-friendly facilities for visitors and staff (bike racks/cycle sheds, showers etc.)**

*There are cycle racks to the side of the hotel for guests to use. We have also upgraded our CCTV for guests who wish to temporarily leave their cycles on their cars*

**Encourage guests to bring reusable water bottles, travel mugs and shopping bags**

*We are always happy to fill guests water bottles*

#### **Responsible Visiting**

**Provide low cost or free hire on visitor 'equipment' such as picnic baskets, umbrellas or creative options such as seeded ponchos or welcome seed packs to take home**

*We have stock of branded umbrellas for guests to use in bad weather and provide picnic hampers in the summer time. Cutlery and plates are bamboo*

### **Provide guests with local responsible shopping options**

*Beaulieu High Street hosts an array of locally sourced produce and guests are always encouraged to shop locally*

### **Eco dog poo bags available to guests**

*Eco dog poo bags are provided in dog hampers, our preferred supplier is Beco a company committed to sustainability*

### **Raise awareness of NF Ambassador Scheme / other short-term volunteering schemes which can be undertaken during stay**

*Staff members are encouraged to attend NF Ambassador Scheme so they can share their knowledge with our guests*

## **Food & Local Produce**

### **Policy in place to purchase local produce (25 Miles)**

*Chef is passionate about using locally sourced seasonal produce wherever possible*

### **Breakfast made from 3 or more locally sourced ingredients (25 miles)**

*Breakfast includes Claytons Eggs, Blackwater Black Pudding and*

### **Menu dishes made with 2 or more locally sourced ingredients (25 miles)**

*Menus consist of locally sourced produce wherever possible for example Blackwater Pig Belly, Bells Herbs, New Forest Fruits, Nobel Bee and Malt from Chef's father's brewery in Botley*

### **Member of New Forest Marque and/or Hampshire Fare**

*We use the NF and HF logos on our literature*

### **Provide NF Marque and/or Hampshire Fare literature to guests**

*Yes, we use more than three New Forest Marque items*

### **Local produce information on own website**

*Within the dining section of the website Chef talks about his passion for locally sourced produce*

## **Energy Efficiency**

### **Provide electric car charging points for guests**

*Six EV Charging points have been installed for Guests to use*

### **Motion sensor lighting**

*To the rear of the property there are PIR sensor lights and also within the Cottage Development the lights only go on upon entering the main door*

### **In the absence of motion sensor lighting, lights off when not required**

*We talk frequently about saving energy and staff are encouraged to turn lights off when not in use*

## **Waste, Water and Recycling**

### **Reduction of single-use plastics (e.g. no plastic straws, no earbuds, no sample-sized washing products)**

*We have replaced all plastic straws with paper straws and earbuds are cardboard*

### **Reduce water usage (e.g. water-efficient toilet cisterns, shower heads, taps)**

*Water efficient cisterns throughout hotel*

### **Use Compost bins**

*We produce our own compost from green waste from the garden. Once broken down it is then put back on the garden as a mulch .*

### **Use Rainwater collection**

*Garden team have rainwater butts which they use to water the gardens and Many drought tolerant shrubs and perennials are grown to reduce water usage in the spring and summer months*

### **Reduce washing, e.g. replace towels less frequently**

*We have signage in the rooms encouraging guests to use their towels again*

### **All office printers set to black and white printing**

*Printers will only print Black and White unless you specifically need it in colour, paperless policy is encouraged*

### **Printer cartridges recycled with print company**

*Old cartridges are collected and sent off for recycling*

### **Other**

*Paperless office policy encouraged*

## **Land Use and Nature Conservation**

### **Biodiversity baseline established and priority species identified**

*We have a garden which is organic, so no pesticides are used . Also in place are plantings of seasonal plants which provide nectar and pollen for a wide range of invertebrates, which are encouraged to the garden.*

### **Landscape, habitat management plan(s) in operation**

*The compost heaps provide shelter and warm for many hibernating species such as Hedgehogs and invertebrates, also suppling heat for the incubation of grass snakes eggs. Bird feeders are also provided and water for wild birds to drink and bathe.*

### **Native tree and shrub planting, native hedgerows**

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### **Wildlife areas, wildflower meadow, habitat piles**

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### **Bird/bat/bug/hedgehog boxes**

*There are bird boxes ,Swift nest boxes were installed within the building of the new cottage . House martins regularly nest around the hotel each year.*

## **Visitor Stewardship: Care for the forest care for each other**

### **Member of Love the Forest Gifting scheme**

## **Supporting Local Business**

### **Provide GNF Card offer**

*GNF card holders receive Afternoon Tea at a generous discount*