



Green Leaf Tourism Business Scheme



Upper Kingston Farm Cottages

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

We have a 'Sustainable Travel' page on our website promoting responsible travel.

Provide literature promoting New Forest Tour and public transport

We provide information on New Forest Tour and coach and bus times.

Provide literature promoting walking/cycling routes and cycle hire information

We provide a good supply of local walking & cycling guides & maps.

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

We have under-cover bike racks & have puncture repair kits, tools and tyre pumps for guests to use.

Provide a carbon footprint calculator for guest travel to venue on booking

We have a link to a carbon footprint calculator on our 'Sustainable travel' page.

Other

We promote local bike rental with links from our website.

Responsible Visiting

Include Responsible Visiting information in Guest Welcome Pack on arrival/in room

We provide responsible visiting information on our website. We also provide copies of the New Forest Code.

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 provide re-useable shopping bags & umbrellas.

Provide guests with local responsible shopping options

We advise guests on local shopping and markets.

Provide refillable water containers

We provide refillable water containers for guests.

Direct guests to sustainable pages on www.thenewforest.co.uk

We direct guests to the 'Caring for the Forest' page on thenewforest website.

Food & Local Produce

Policy in place to purchase local produce (25 Miles)

We are planning a welcome basket with local produce from around the New Forest..

Provide NF Marque and/or Hampshire Fare literature to guests

We provide leaflets promoting the NF Marque

Local produce information on own website

We promote local produce suppliers via links from our website.

Other

Tins and re-useable food left by guests to be taken to local food banks.

Energy Efficiency

Solar PV/thermal panels fitted

Electricity supplied by solar panels on barns on the farm.

Ground/air source heat pump/s fitted

Hot water and heating supplied by air-source heat pumps.

Building/s insulated and draft-proofed

All buildings fully insulated & draft-proofed.

Motion sensor lighting

Motion sensors fitted on all external & some internal lights.

Waste, Water and Recycling

Split recycling bins provided in all office and guest accommodation

We provide separate bins for paper, plastics, glass & general waste.

Separate disposal of food waste – plus composting and wormeries

We provide a food caddy for food waste.

Water bottle refill stop for passers-by/guests

We have a bottle refill point for guests.

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

All our soaps and washing up liquid bottles are refilled to prevent plastic waste.

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

All our toilets are dual flush to save water.

Use of compaction/recycling machine

We have a can crusher to maximise recycling space.

Use Compost bins

We provide food caddy bins for compostable food waste.

Use Rainwater collection

We have water butts to collect rain water for watering plants.

Reduce washing, e.g. replace towels less frequently

Towels only washed between guest stays (unless requested).

Coffee grounds recycled or made available for use on soil

Food caddy provided to compost coffee grounds.

All office printers set to black and white printing

We only print in black & white.

Printer cartridges recycled with print company

We take old print cartridges to be recycled.

Only recycled printing paper used

We use recycled printing paper.

Other

We have a used battery collection box for staff & guests.

Land Use and Nature Conservation**Native tree and shrub planting, native hedgerows**

We have had a recent tree planting scheme on the farm.

Wildlife areas, wildflower meadow, habitat piles

We have wildlife areas on the farm left undisturbed for nesting birds.

Bird/bat/bug/hedgehog boxes

We have put up numerous owl boxes and have a dedicated bat loft above one of the barns. We have also put up a bug hotel.

Visitor Stewardship: Care for the forest care for each other

New Forest Code & key messaging staff to guests

We provide the New Forest Code to all staff & guests.

Promote New Forest educational walks to guests

We promote New Forest walks in our tourist information area.

Other

We have a good supply of local tourism guides & books.

Supporting Local Business

Go New Forest Card on key fobs for use by guests

All our guests have use of our Go New Forest Card on their key fobs.

Promote GNF Card offers to guests

GNF Card leaflet with all offers are provided to all guests.