



BLYTH HOTEL ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Dear Guest

In our ever changing climate, we have taken some key environmental decisions within the hotel that can help reduce our carbon footprint.. As a small family-owned and run hotel, we are committed to being hands on to help protect the beautiful environment in which we live and trade. We are currently working closely with the Greener Business Scheme who are advising us further of how we as a business can become more environmentally friendly in the future. Below is a list of our environmental initiatives compiled by the owners and staff of the hotel; some of them require the assistance of guests and ask for your help wherever possible. Thank you.

REDUCING OUR ENERGY OUTPUTS - LIGHT AND HEAT.

The hotel has just invested over £500.00 in energy efficient light bulbs which can be seen throughout the hotel. To help us save energy we kindly ask guests to please switch lights off when leaving your bedroom. We also ask guests to switch television sets off at the set instead of leaving them on standby and to please remove mobile phone and laptop chargers from sockets when charging is completed. All bedroom radiators are controlled by a thermostat and can be adjusted by guests to suit their temperature requirements. If you feel your room is too warm, please adjust the control on your radiator before opening a window. If you are going out for the day and feel your room requires no heating, please turn your radiator off. If you require any assistance please ask a member of staff on reception. When rooms are unoccupied, staff members ensure that heating is set at a minimum and then increased prior to guests checking in.

WATER REDUCTION

In August 2007, the hotel invested in water saving devices throughout the hotel. The gentleman's urinals on the ground floor are fitted with an electronic sensor to prevent water being used unnecessarily during quieter operation times in the hotel. All toilets are fitted with "Hippos" that save up to 2 litres of water per flush - calculate that over 13 bathrooms and our ground floor toilets and the savings to the environment are tremendous. All our en-suite bathrooms are fitted with showers, although we all enjoy a relaxing soak in a bath, as a hotel we encourage guests to shower as the reduction in water usage is very significant.

LINEN AND TOWELS

The hotel linen and towels are provided by an outside laundry service. If you don't need clean towels please hang them on your towel rail provided. The unnecessary washing and drying of all linen and towels can be a waste of not only water, but electricity.

LOCALLY SOURCED INGREDIENTS

Our team of Chefs pride themselves on sourcing as many ingredients as possible from local suppliers. The Suffolk Breakfast Initiative encourages hospitality businesses to use all local ingredients in their cooked breakfasts. We have joined this scheme and the bacon, sausages and black pudding are all produced locally by an organic pork farm and are supplied to us by our local butcher in Halesworth. We hope you enjoy your Suffolk Breakfasts! The fish and much of the meat on our dinner menu is sourced from local suppliers, giving our customers the best in fresh produce that Southwold has to offer.

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

We are extremely proud to support Suffolk Coast and Heaths. This scheme encourages local businesses to participate by having a collection box, our collection box is situated in the entrance to the residents lounge. Please read the literature about this worthwhile cause and make any donations you see fit. As a business we make an annual donation as the owners and staff regularly enjoy the Suffolk countryside and want this natural wonder to be maintained for ourselves and visitors to our area.

RECYCLING

With help from our local council, we have been able to provide a glass bottle bin. This facility is for use by the hotel and residents of Southwold and the surrounding areas. We recycle all glass used in the hotel. Recently our commercial bin providers have advised the hotel on how we can increase our recycling impact and we have invested in a cardboard recycling bin. This is at a cost to the hotel, however it prevents unnecessary cardboard going to land fill instead of being recycled for future use. We are seeking advice for other areas of our recycling plan including paper and plastic.