

Our Sustainability Policy

The Chilterns AONB was designated in 1965 and consists of a chalk escarpment covered in beech woods and grasslands, rich in flora and fauna, covering an area of 322 sq.miles, 46 miles long and 11 miles wide. It is an environmentally sensitive area and we support organisations like The Chilterns AONB and Visit the Chilterns which try to maintain the beautiful environment in a sustainable way so that it is open to all to enjoy but is managed sensitively for future generations.

We try to reduce the environmental impact of our business by

- Recycling as much as possible using the green bin provided by SODC and the small brown food bin.
- Encouraging the creation of compost by providing a compost bin for grass cuttings and raw fruit and vegetable waste.
- Minimising energy loss by fitting thermostatic valves on all radiators.
- Using boiler.
- Providing an electric towel rail with a timer set to come on for 2 hours each morning and evening.
- Installing a modern log burner and a basket of logs for each set of guests.
- Creating a secure cycle store from the old privy in the courtyard to encourage cyclists.
- Providing OS maps, books, leaflets of footpaths and walks to encourage guests to explore on foot. The Ridgeway National Trail and the South Oxfordshire Way are accessible from the door.
- We have created a front garden which provides a haven for birds and wildlife amongst the trees and shrubs.
- We grow herbs for guest use in a pot by the front door.
- We use modern low energy light bulbs in the bedrooms, sitting room and bathroom and LEDs in the kitchen.
- Curtains are lined to prevent heat loss.
- The loft is super-insulated to a depth of 15 cms.
- Our washing machine is A rated and we encourage guests to use the outside washing line in the courtyard.
- The WC is dual flush to conserve water.
- A hessian shopping bag has been provided for guest use.
- We encourage guest to use the T1 bus from Cuxham Rd into Oxford.
- We provide our guests with a locally sourced complimentary welcome pack of bread, eggs, milk and cake, plus butter (for which no local supply has yet been found).