

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

At Lowerfield Farm we are committed to minimising the environmental impact of our operations. In particular, we will achieve this through our commitment to:



- comply with the requirements of environmental legislation and approved codes of practice;
- regularly review the environmental impact of our activities, and to seek to improve our environmental and social performance;
- reduce pollution, emissions and waste;
- reduce the use of energy, water and other resources;
- encourage similar environmental standards from our key suppliers;
- assist customers to use products and services in an environmentally sensitive way;
- liaise with the local community;
- have minimised our risks associated with social and environmental issues;



- have joined the Green Tourism Scheme as an indicator of our sustainable practices.

We respectfully ask you to help us – the following 2 pages have some suggestions as to what you can do to be a greener visitor.

*Gareth & Sue Atkinson  
(Proprietors)*

# RESPONSIBLE VISITOR CHARTER

We offer this Responsible Visitors Charter to all guests to encourage them to help us with our commitment – here are SEVEN things you can do to help save the planet



1. Conserve Energy – Reduce energy by switching off lights and closing windows if the heating is on.
2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to carrier bags. Try to recycle any waste you have or leave it for us to do so.
3. Be Water Wise – Please use water wisely, for example by turning off the tap when brushing your teeth.
4. Give the Car a Rest – How about leaving the car behind, if only for a day. Walk, cycle or use public transport.
5. Shop Locally – Use local products as they give a flavour of the area and help support the local communities. We are fortunate to have some fantastic producers of food, drink and arts and crafts in this area. Please ask us about local markets and farm shops.
6. Respect Nature – Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, by guarding against fire, and by using footpaths and cycle-ways responsibly. A copy of The Countryside Code is included in this room pack.



7. Support Green Tourism Businesses – There are hundreds of businesses trying to reduce their environmental impacts through the Green Tourism Business Scheme. Businesses are awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold for their efforts to be more environmentally responsible. See [www.green-business.co.uk](http://www.green-business.co.uk) for more information.

**Most importantly, have a wonderful time while you are with us.**  
Thank you so much for your support.

## ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

The local council collects cans, bottles, recycling. We then compost everything matter, small bits of paper, napkins, etc. composting as much waste as possible amount of rubbish that gets wasted incineration.



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else we can – plant  
As you will know, by  
we can reduce the  
through landfill or

You can help by leaving newspapers / magazines at the side of your bin. Any plastics, cans or non-biodegradable items should still go into the main rubbish bins, and we will recycle what we can.

- ◆ In rooms we deliberately don't use small, disposable packaging but instead supply large dispensers of hand soap, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel.
- ◆ To reduce packaging waste, we also avoid small packets of jam and butter in the breakfast room and recycle all glass jars.
- ◆ We have a basic policy of changing towels approximately every 3 days and bed linen every 4 days, to reduce the environmental impact of excessive laundry.
- ◆ We use high-quality 100% recycled toilet paper. All our paperwork is on 100% recycled paper.
- ◆ We have energy efficient bulbs throughout the house. In early 2013 we changed all the porch, hall, corridor and landing lighting to energy efficient units, controlled by PIR detectors.
- ◆ In 2014 we completed another of our medium term objectives by having a 10kWh solar plant installed on the barn roof.