



Gold Winner North Northumberland Local Food Awards 2008
National Silver Winner Enjoy England Awards for Excellence 2006
Gold Winner Regional Self Catering Holiday of the Year 2005

Our Green Policy

1. Statement – It is our aim to be kind to our guests, kind to the local environment and kind to the planet and we think it is inexcusable to use green as an excuse to be mean.
2. Management – We are always looking for ways to reduce our green footprint, while still delivering a 5 star gold award service and quality experience.
3. Communication – Detailed information is provided to encourage and support environmental awareness. The web site gives details of the heat recovery and ventilation systems, stone floors, synthetic pillows and strict no smoking policy. Some of these are of special interest to allergy sufferers.
4. Energy – All appliances (dishwashers, ovens, fridges, washing machines, gas boiler) are at least ‘A’ rated. The induction hob was installed for its efficiency and low energy consumption.
5. Water – The water system was installed with efficiency as a prime requirement - showers and taps use the latest technology to generate a healthy flow rate. The ‘hot-loop’ circulation system means there is no more than 3 seconds for hot water to arrive at any particular tap. All our cisterns have very efficient dual flush 4/6 litre systems.
6. Purchasing – Recycled paper products are bought where ever possible including for printing and office requirements. Electronic communication is used as much as possible. Fair trade products are sourced locally. Purchases of chemicals are reduced by using steam cleaning equipment wherever practicable.
7. Waste – Recycling is encouraged by ensuring that guests are aware of the opportunities and practicalities of the process. We demonstrate our commitment by managing the bin collection for our guests. Hazardous waste is disposed of safely.
8. Travel – The East Coast Mainline train station is less than 10 minutes from the house. Bus transport is available from the village and several garages in Alnwick can arrange car hire at competitive rates. Cycle hire is available from Pedal Power, who will deliver bikes to the house.
9. Heritage – Native hedging has been reinstated and is home to wrens & tits. Sparrows and blackbirds are also resident in the garage roof pantiles.
10. Other – The house is constructed of stone and slate, with wooden windows and is exceptionally well insulated, retaining its heat in the winter and being relatively cool in the summer.