



**Good Waste Management**  
**Reduce and reuse**  
**Energy Use Management**  
**Eco friendly products**  
**No reduction in Quality and Standards**

## Environmental Policy

At Sunnyside Touring Site we are committed to providing high quality facilities and service whilst minimising the environmental impact on our land and its natural habitats.

**We have held the David Bellamy Conservation Gold Award since joining in 2013**

Our commitment to the environment is demonstrated in the following ways:

### Waste management

#### Recycling

- All materials are recycled where possible and the appropriate bins are provided for glass, paper, cardboard, some plastics and aluminium/steel cans
- All used light fittings are kept and then taken in bulk to our supplier who is licensed to recycle them
- We monitor the amount of general waste and recycling done on site with the aim to increase recycling and decrease the amount of general waste

#### Reduce

- All water taps and showers in ladies and gents washrooms are push button so water waste is kept to a minimum
- Toilet flushes are all push plate
- Waterless urinal
- We use e-mail and electronic banking as much as possible to reduce paper
- We buy products in bulk where appropriate to reduce the carbon impact on transport and packaging
- There is a shop on site so guests to have the opportunity to purchase basic provisions and local/highland produce so reducing travel
- We have installed low energy hand dryers in ladies and gents washrooms to eliminate paper towels and the unnecessary use of black bin liners
- There is a half size bath in Infant/Toddler bathroom with 2 levels giving the option of shallow fill
- Provide soap dispensers in all washrooms which distribute a specific amount to avoid waste
- Provide toilet roll dispensers in all washrooms designed to avoid waste
- Toilet block building is double glazed throughout reducing heat loss
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#### Re-use

- A book swap is available on site
- We are happy to provide information but encourage guest to return any leaflets on departure so they can be re-used

### Energy use

- **LED** low energy lighting is used inside toilet block building and operates on a PIR (motion sensitive) system; ensuring lights only come on when required
- The exterior lighting on the building is also LED low energy and on a 'dusk till dawn' setting ensuring building is only lit up when natural light levels are low
- Electric bollards all have an LED light fitting providing low energy lighting
- Under floor heating throughout toilet block building with most of the heat provided by exhaust air heat pumps
- Low energy hand driers have been installed within ladies and gents washrooms
- The washing machines have time saver settings and are A+
- Ecover washing tablets are available
- Outside drying area is available for guests' laundry
- Inside/Outside drying natural drying area for outdoor gear e.g. wetsuits

## **Land management**

### **Respect**

- We respect where we live and recognise that we all have an important role to preserve the balance of the natural habitats.
- We encourage more plants and animals to thrive here
- No machinery is used on grazings' and set-a-side areas.
- No poisons or chemicals which could leach into the land are used
- We work with the seasons keeping a natural cycle

### **Flora and Fauna**

- We have set-a-side areas on our Croft where humans and livestock cannot go. Here we have planted over 100 tree saplings, a new hedgerow, created a pond area and use windfall branches to make 'beastie' heaps
- We clear ditches at the most dormant time of year to encourage wild flowers to spread and water to run freely so avoiding flooding areas where wildlife may be raising young e.g. shrews, ground nesting birds
- We leave areas of nettles and brambles to encourage specific species and also give small animals protection
- We have created a specific natural area for Sand Martins to nest

### **Sunnyside Livestock**

- We have hardy native livestock which graze our land as they are ideally suited to this environment.
- Our livestock are non selective and, therefore, have an important role in our land management
- Our livestock's dung encourages insects and in turn wild birds.

### **Waste water treatment plant**

- Uses a natural filtration process through a willow bed which provides a wetland habitat

## **Eco friendly products**

- We use eco-friendly products for cleaning
- We provide biodegradable shopping bags in site shop
- We provide blue bio eco friendly toilet fluid at service point
- We provide an inside/outside natural drying area

## **Local community**

- We sell local produce wherever possible
- We encourage our guests whilst staying at Sunnyside to join in. Our family is keen to encourage guests to share the environment and community we live in by providing information on walks, public transport, plant and animal life, local places to shop, eat, local activities and events

## **To support our environmental journey, we ask that all our guests:**

- Separate their waste and recycle any items in the bins provided.
- Use as few black bin liners as possible
- Engage with our waste management initiatives: In 2012 we introduced a waste management scheme where we monitor the quantity of general waste and recycling produced on site
- Are energy aware
- Buy locally to support the local economy/community
- Get involved in our wildlife and plant spotting survey
- Be a responsible pet owner and follow the country code