

Environmental Statement

We are committed to reducing our impact on the environment and try to run **Catton Old Hall** in such a way that we carefully monitor and limit our use of energy, water consumption for washing and cleaning, reduce waste, recycle wherever possible and source products locally.

To this end we have adopted the following practices:

We use a steam cleaner to sanitize all bathrooms, soft furnishings and upholstery, cleaning to 120 degrees to deep clean killing bacteria and also dust mites thereby requiring minimal use of cleaning products containing harmful chemicals

Introduced a Breakfast Menu Order Form to minimize food waste (3.6 tonnes of food is thrown away each year in England and Wales)

An on-going programme to replace the bulbs in all lighting fixtures with low energy types

Thermostatic radiator valves are fitted on all radiators

Notices in each bathroom encourage guests to think about how often they require fresh towels

Line drying as much linen and towelling as possible—the average home dryer's carbon footprint equates to approximately 2kg of CO₂ per load. We have a commercial dryer.

'A' rated electrical appliances replace older versions where possible

A high efficiency gas boiler has been installed

Support local economy by using locally sourced quality and seasonal produce wherever possible to reduce food miles—see our Breakfast Menu for further information

Support local egg producer and return egg trays for re-use and Support local producers of milk and recycling of plastic milk bottles

By using local supplier of and making our own jams/preserves, glass jars are re-used

We use refillable toiletries from the Spa Therapy range by Gilchrist & Soames 'which contain no parabens, phthalates, petrol-derived ingredients, mineral oil, urea, DEA, TEA or propylene glycol. They do contain food-grade, naturally derived USP glycerin, natural conditioning agents from honey and the brassica plant; and soybean and cottonseed oil, instead of petrochemicals.' Gilchrist & Soames are also 'committed to cruelty-free development and vow to never test our products on animals'

We recycle all recyclable materials where possible: bottles, cans, plastic and paper are recycled (using the village collection point and the local council's doorstep collection)

We limit the amount and reuse paper as much as we can and use email in preference to snailmail

We grow as many flowers for the breakfast tables ourselves from the garden and when in season we grow our own parsley, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, currants, blueberries and other fruit in the garden

Green waste is composted

We try to make the most efficient use of water being on a water meter. Water is collected in the house and from partly-consumed complimentary bottles of mineral water and rainwater collected in water butts is used for tubs and greenhouse watering

Encourage guests to 'use local public transport for visiting the city centre thereby reducing use of their car

The property is no-smoking throughout

Encourage wildlife in the garden with a variety of butterfly and bee friendly planting

We encourage guests to help by:

Not leaving lights on when leaving rooms or the house

Switching off TVs and not leaving on standby mode (standby consumes up to 2/3rds of electricity compared to on mode)

Adjusting radiator valves to suit (and not having them on a high setting whilst leaving the windows open at the same time) - additional blankets may be found in the wardrobes

Using breakfast order forms to minimize food waste

Leaving newspapers, glass & plastic bottles to the side of the main rubbish bin so we can recycle them

Supporting our laundry policy and re-using towels

Supporting local businesses