



Sustainability

One of the most sustainable ways to holiday is by holidaying in the UK, of course we all like a trip to foreign parts every now and again. But particularly when bringing a big group together what could be more sustainable and fun than hiring a large welcoming Holiday let in the UK.

When we designed West Acre, we have tried to incorporate as many features as we can to reduce wastage and energy output whilst still maintaining a high level of luxury.

What we have done to minimise our environmental footprint.

- All the heating and hot water is generated from our ground source heat pump, the entire garden area has hundreds of meters of pipe buried a meter deep, these take heat from below the ground and significantly reduce the electricity required to heat West Acre.
- We have solar panels that enable us to generate our own power, ideal for items running all the time such as the hot tub and the heat pump system.
- All windows are double glazed and we have an additional level of insulation in the roof and the walls that is in excess of building regulation requirements.
- In 2023 we will be installing an EV charging point at West Acre
- We have a rainwater harvester that collects all the water from the gutters which is then used to flush all of the toilets.
- All lightbulbs, inside and out are low energy LED bulbs.
- We use local contractors and materials, our employees live locally, our electrician and plumber live in the village and we use local suppliers wherever we can.
- We use a local tree surgeon who also drops off the chippings from local jobs that we use in the garden and we try to use our own logs to burn from local jobs.
- We do not use any chemicals in the garden, we only use horse manure from the village livery and our own compost.
- We try and recycle whatever we can, we ask our guests to do the same.
- We provide a basket of spare toiletries if guests run out or forget anything, we do not place single use toiletries in the bathrooms

- Wherever we can we use and leave for you cleaning products supplied by environmentally aware and accredited companies such as Ecover and Method.
- We use a Nespresso coffee pod machine as we are able to have all the used pods recycled (please put used pods in the 'pod bin' provided)
- We try and encourage and support our local wildlife, from the bird feeders and numerous bird boxes you will see in the garden to the piles of wood and hedgerows we keep to protect hedgehogs and the like. We try and grow the flowers in our borders that are most attractive to bees and butterflies and we keep some nettles and the like in the less accessible areas of the garden for the caterpillars to thrive.

What you can do to help us still further

- Please recycle whatever you can and ensure you put any recycling materials in the correct bin (A refuse summary of what goes where is left in the kitchen and is also on display).
- Please put compostable materials in our compost bin, we will use it in the garden. Details are on the refuse summary, where we have provided a list of the items that can be used in our compost).
- We have found that when we have large groups of 12-16 in the house, with our high level of insulation that the house gets very warm, we therefore set our heating to a level to compliment this. If you are too warm or too cold, just ask us and we will gladly adjust the thermostats accordingly. If you need to open the windows let's turn the heat down instead
- We ask everyone to try and switch of lights and turn of appliances that are not being used.

One of our passions is try our best to provide you with a luxurious and sustainable environment for you to to enjoy