

# Environmental Policy

At Anstey Mills Cottages we try to minimise our environmental impact while making sure your stay here with us is as enjoyable as possible. As part of this aim we are members of The Exmoor Society, an independently run charity that has campaigned for over 60 years to inspire everyone to enjoy and look after Exmoor National Park, which encourages and helps tourism businesses to reduce the environmental impact of their activities and by encouraging sustainable practices ensures the continued enjoyment of the environment around us for future generations.

Our commitment:

- We have provided recycle bins for plastics, paper, bottles, tins and food waste and ask that all guests separate their rubbish.
- For uncooked food waste we have compost bins.
- The cottages' electricity is provided by Octopus and Bulb, both companies using 100% Green energy.
- We entered our farm into an environment scheme that supports hedgerows on the farm to create habitats for wild birds, insects and animals.
- We have put up several bird boxes suitable for different species.
- We are replacing all light bulbs with low energy bulbs.
- We provide recycled paper products such as toilet rolls for guests' use.
- We use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Wherever possible we support local producers, shops, restaurants, pubs and cafes.
- We promote local tourist attractions, cultural events.
- We encourage non car based activities for our guests, by providing information on activities such as cycling, walking and wildlife watching in the area.
- Replace domestic appliances with more energy efficient models when they need replacing.

We welcome any suggestions/ideas you may have. We hope that guests will support us in an effort to conserve energy, by simply turning off unnecessary lights, inside and out, ensuring that electric heaters are not left on unnecessarily and not leaving appliances on standby. We have our own water supply and sewage system and we ask that guests use water considerately and don't flush anything but paper and natural waste and use non-bio washing powder.