

## **ELFORDLEIGH HOTEL**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

We are fortunate to be located in a beautiful, unspoilt area of Devon, and we believe that we must do as much as is practical to reduce the impact we have on the environment without compromising the comfort and enjoyment of our guests and members.

As one of the largest hotels in the South Hams region our activities can have a significant negative impact on the environment. Therefore we have put in place a number of action plans to reduce the effects of our activities on the environment.

Examples of our actions include:-

- Monitoring waste, energy and water useage on a monthly basis.
- Following advice from a Carbon Trust Audit we now use low-energy light-bulbs throughout the hotel. Movement sensors have been put in corridors. Our current project is the removal of the main hotel boiler. The heating and hot water for the hotel will now be taken from the swimming pool heating system, thus saving up to 11 tonnes of CO2 per annum.
- Wherever possible we have a buy local policy
- LPG Tractors and golf buggies
- Staff are encouraged to recycle where possible. All paper, cardboard and glass goes to a recycling plant. Vegetable waste goes to a local farm for feed.
- Following a survey steps have been taken to reduce water consumption.
- In 2000 a large number of native trees were planted around the edge of the golf course. The lakes provide a safe haven for wild fowl. Other areas remain undisturbed, encouraging wildlife to take up residence.

In 2009 The Elfordleigh Golf Course was awarded The English Golf Environmental Award for the South West by the EGU in conjunction with Natural England, The R&A and STRI.

The Elfordleigh Hotel takes its obligations seriously with regard to all relevant legislation and regulations that relate to health and safety, fire regulations and the environment.

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