

Our Environmental Statement and Policies

Mission Statement

Trenannick Farm Cottages comprises five converted barn holiday cottages sleeping up to 24 guests and provides 4* Visit England accommodation standard in a rural setting. We are devoted to protecting and growing the natural environment and will proactively manage the environmental impacts in the course of running our business. We will meet any relevant regulatory requirements so that our guests and suppliers can be confident that they are supporting a business that is contributing positively to Cornwall's environment.

Moreover, we are committed to making continuous improvements in the management of our environmental impacts. We work in partnership with others to both promote and educate those around us and to encourage good practice.

We comply with applicable environmental legislation and regulations and where possible we go beyond the legislation to improve our ability to contribute to environmental growth and circular economies within Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Julie Howson – Business Partner, is responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented. However, all employees, guests and suppliers have a role to play. This Sustainability Policy outlines our individual and shared responsibilities to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

This Sustainability Policy commits us to:

- Regularly assess our areas of environmental impacts, which includes considering current and future environmental issues
- Audit our compliance with legislation and investigate any environmental incidents in order to prevent recurrence
- Set targets for continuous improvement and review annually
- Consider the impact of tourism on the ecology of our landscape and native species
- Reduce water and energy usage
- Reduce waste and recycle more
- Source products from local suppliers to support the local economy.
- Aim to work with the most ethical suppliers to promote environmental
- When new products are to be purchased, their efficiency/energy consumption will be analysed and factored into any decisions made
- Promote a positive environmental culture

Ecology

We will identify and protect wildlife (in particular species protected by European and UK legislation) on our premises through the consultation of experts where necessary.

We will work to increase abundance of pollinators by enhancing the habitat they rely on and we will encourage our neighbours and guests to do the same.

We will provide proven habitat improvements for the benefit of native species on our estate.

Where possible we will reduce noise and light pollution created due to our on-site activities.

Where pest control is required, we will endeavour to use physical repellents and barriers to prevent access. Where this is not possible, we will seek independent advice and use poisons/kill traps that have the smallest/no known impact on non-target species. Where the use of herbicides and fungicides are required, we will limit their application as much as possible, and take all appropriate safety measures.

Circular Economy

Where possible we will reuse materials on site before we consider using new. We will reduce the use of non-recyclable or hazardous materials in our activities.

Communication

We will use our website, social media channels and guest information guides to engage with, educate and inform our guests about the work we do to contribute to Cornwall's environmental growth, and how our guests can complement this. We will also use these channels to inform guests about how important Cornwall's natural environment is to business and to the people living and operating in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Strategy and Performance

We will review and update environmental objectives and targets on an annual basis.

We will be prepared to meet any future legislative requirements in the tourism sector by future-proofing our activities and remaining as resource-efficient and responsible as possible.

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We hold the Gold Award in Green Tourism through activities such as ongoing energy reduction, waste and recycling on site, good habitat management and the installation of an EV charge point.

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