

GOING GREEN APPENDIX

Sarnia Hotels are three family owned hotels all based in Guernsey. We value our island heritage and are working to reduce our impact on our environment, reduce our carbon footprint and play our part in the local community. Best Western Moores Hotel and Best Western Hotel de Havelet are members of Green Tourism and both currently hold their silver award.

Some of the measures we have introduced so far include:

- monitoring our energy and water use
- Having double or secondary glazing in place in most of the hotel to reduce heat loss
- Using energy saving light bulbs (LED or low energy) in most public areas of the hotel
- 75% of our rooms have Mira eco water saving shower heads
- As most of Guernsey's electricity is supplied by cable from France using greener sources we are moving away as much as possible from Oil and Gas
- 70% of hotel bedrooms are now heated and cooled by electric heat pumps
- In 2024 we installed an array of 60 Photo voltaic panels to generate clean energy and we also improved the roof insulation in the courtyard rooms.
- Our in house laundry is now electric powered rather than gas
- Solar panels help to heat the water in the swimming pool which also uses bromine rather than chlorine which is better for the environment.
- Only leaving essential internal lighting on at night
- Recycle paper, cardboard, tins, plastic bottles, glass, used cooking oil, milk and juice cartons, batteries and printer cartridges
- Using the minimum amount of packaged portion items
- Reusing paper for internal documents and note taking
- Installing refillable dispensers for toiletries which are produced on island using guernsey seaweed – a completely sustainable source
- Introduced Aqueous Ozone cleaning system
- We buy local produce whenever possible and use local trades people and contractors for refurbishing and upgrading
- Our menus include vegetarian and vegan options
- Only running dish washers and glass washers with full load
- We have information on the public bus services and can also arrange cycle hire and have secure cycle storage for guests
- Introduce environmental awareness into our staff induction programme
- The kitchen in Copenhagen grill is all electric and includes induction hobs, rational combi ovens and an energy saving grill.
- Replaced our main boiler with more efficient condensing boilers
- We support the healing Music Trust and junior badminton as well as local schools and charities
- Our vegetable food waste is composted by the Soil Farm
- We collect used stamps and change for action aid and we support the Tumaini fund for orphans in Tanzania
- We support WaterAid with its clean water project by offering Belu water

For the next level

We are constantly looking at ways to increase our sustainable purchasing and supplier screening procedures. We regularly re-visit our recycling options giving preference to measures aimed at eliminating or reducing waste.

FEEL GOOD

Eight tips you can do to help the planet

We are working to make our destination more eco-friendly but we need your help. We can all reduce our impact on the environment by making choices. As a visitor you have a very important role to play in helping us to conserve our natural assets and to become a more sustainable destination. Here are our recommended tips on how you can help:

Choose not to have your hotel room serviced

Pop our hanger on the door which will reduce energy and water use and we will donate towards planting trees with Guernsey trees for life

Conserve Energy

Reduce energy by switching off lights and closing window if the heating is on. The energy saving trust provides information on what you can do at home

www.energysavingtrust.co.uk

Give the car a rest

Leave the car behind for a day. Walk, cycle or use public transport. We will happily provide you with this advice.

www.millards.org (for cycle hire) www.buses.gg (HCT Bus Group)

Shop Local

Use local products – they give you a flavour of the area and help support local communities. Try Guernsey Gache, our special fruit loaf, enjoy Guernsey milk and butter and buy local flowers to take home. Ask us about our local products.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra carrier bag. You can support us in our efforts to recycle – please ask the staff for more details.

www.gov.gg/recycle www.guernseyrecycle.org.uk

Be Water Wise

Guernsey must always be careful with water usage so please use water wisely. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and adhere to towel policies or other water saving initiatives.

www.water-guide.org.uk

Respect Nature

Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, guarding against fire and using footpaths and cycle ways responsibly. Take the chance to get close to nature and enjoy a taste of adventure with kayaking and coasteering with Outdoor Guernsey.

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk www.outdoorguernsey.co.uk

Support Green Business

There are thousands of business in the British Isles working to reduce the carbon footprint through the Green Tourism Business Scheme. Businesses are rewarded Bronze, Silver and Gold for their efforts to be more sustainable.

www.greenbusiness.co.uk