

Hotel de Havelet Guernsey – Sustainability

As a family owned company based on a beautiful island, we are aware of our responsibility to care for our environment, to reduce our impact on the planet's finite resources and over the past few years have taken some positive steps on our journey towards sustainability.

When Copenhagen restaurant was refurbished, we installed energy efficient equipment in its kitchen including rational combi ovens, induction hobs, and energy efficient grills. Our bar and restaurants use electric in heating/cooling our public areas as Guernsey's electricity is mostly supplied by an undersea cable from France and uses non fossil fuel power such as wind, solar and hydro. Solar panels on the roof help to heat the swimming pool water, which is treated with bromine rather than chlorine.

Our more recent refurbishment of eight bedrooms also included a change to electric heating and cooling, as well as walk-in showers replacing baths which help to improve our accessibility as well as reduce our water use.

Most of our staff live in accommodation close to the hotel enabling them to walk to work. We have a charging point for electric vehicles, as well as bicycles for guests to borrow plus the opportunity for an escorted cycle tour during the summer months. A minibus also operates in the main season to the town and ferries, a couple of times a day reducing the need for guests to hire a car.

Hotel guests can choose to keep their towels for extra days rather than having fresh daily. We do not have plastic straws or stirrers in our bar and are trying to reduce the amount of single use plastic.

We use local suppliers and do our utmost to buy local produce and to aim for only sustainable fish and seafood. We offer vegetarian and plant-based meals in all our restaurants. With all our building and refurbishment projects we use local contractors and businesses, upcycling and refurbishing furniture wherever possible.

Our outdoor restaurant and terrace furniture is made from EnviroWood®, an all-weather marine grade recycled HDPE polymer – sturdy, low maintenance, and made from diverting milk cartons and ice cream cartons from landfill.

We support local charities and organisations from Wind bands and the Healing Music Trust, to the local Hospice, Cheshire Home and Animal Shelter. We support these and many other local charities, schools, sports clubs by donations, fund raising initiatives and prizes.

Going forward we will do our best to replace our guest toiletries with more environmentally friendly products, and we will continue to work to lower our carbon footprint.