

Tayside Hotel Environmental Policy

Recognising our Responsibility

Everyone has a shared responsibility to preserve and protect the planet. At The Tayside Hotel we understand that this is of greater importance than ever. We understand the potential impact of our actions on the environment and have made considerable efforts to reduce any negative effects on the planet. While many of us may endeavour to be 'green' while at home these concerns often quickly drift from our minds when staying away. The Tayside Hotel is committed to sustainability and environmental preservation, and our aim is to ensure that everyone can be more environmentally friendly, even when they are not at home. Our aim is ultimately to protect the planet, and to help guests be eco-friendly when they are on holiday by staying at one of Scotland's 'green' hotels.

We hope that all of our guests and visitors will be enthused by and supportive of our mission.

Our 'Green' Values and Policy

The Tayside Hotel provides facilities for both residential and non-residential guests. Our services range from food and drink to accommodation, and we strive to make our practices in all of these areas as environmentally friendly as is possible. We consider it important to:

- Reduce unnecessary waste
- Conserve energy and reduce energy use
- Encourage green activities and discourage car use
- Highlight the importance of being environmentally friendly to all staff and visitors of the hotel.

Energy saving lighting is implemented throughout the hotel and our waste is strictly monitored and recycled as extensively as possible. While these are basic measures that many establishments will undertake, The Tayside Hotel aims to be as environmentally friendly as possible as thus we have taken a vast number of additional measures in order to be an eco-friendly hotel. As a result of these efforts we have gained a silver award from 'Green Tourism'

What efforts have we made to enforce this green policy?

There are a significant number of measures we have implemented here at The Tayside Hotel in order to become as environmentally friendly as possible. Some of the things we have recently accomplished are:

- The completion of a new 'Bug Hotel' in order to preserve wildlife. Leading to the documentation of wildlife by a local girl guiding group.
- The creation of a new herb garden to utilise home-grown produce.
- Provision of green traveller guides for all hotel guests.
- Addition of an eco-friendly conference package to our functions package.
- Introduction of a wormery in order to reduce food waste.

- Insulation of the roof to conserve heat and energy
- Installation of our new electric vehicle charging station
- Continued purchase of our electricity from a source that is 100% renewable

All of our efforts and achievements can be found in our green file. We regularly monitor our waste and energy use and, our green team ensure that all staff strives to maintain our green policy.

Future aims and goals

Throughout 2015/2016 we hope to achieve the following goals:

- reduce the generation of food waste (on-going);
- work with suppliers to reduce delivery packaging and convert to re-usable cartons (on-going);
- to become more proactive in the reduction of energy usage by making use of evolving technologies where cost efficient to do so (on-going)
- Install Water butts to aid watering gardens
- Working towards Zero-Waste by ensuring that we recycle as much as is possible by making use of on-site facilities and services offered by our suppliers

How are guests can help us to achieve our future goals

We would like to encourage all of our guests to help us in our future mission. There are a variety of ways in which everyone can help do a little to protect the planet while visiting the Tayside Hotel.

- Utilise our towel save system where guests only have towels replaced when necessary.
- Conference guests are encouraged to use a whiteboard instead of a flipchart , and asked to use only as much of the recycled paper provided as is necessary
- By switching off lights and taps when not in use or when leaving your room, you can help conserve energy.
- When travelling, choose to take public transport to explore the area. Extensive information is available in room packs and from hotel staff.
- Respect nature and do not litter in and around the hotel. We are interested to hear about any wildlife guests have spotted during their stay for our records.

Signed:

Date:

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