

# Swanage Haven



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



At the Swanage Haven we know we are really lucky to live in such an unspoiled environment and we are conscious of our impact on it. As an organisation we take our environmental responsibilities seriously. Our aim is to keep it to a minimum without affecting the excellent quality of service and accommodation we provide. We want to achieve this by promoting a responsible and sustainable tourism.

### Produces

Wherever possible we source our ingredients from local producers, keeping the local economy running and lowering the mileage. For our guests, we use the best Dorset produces supplied from local farms. We use organic, free range and fair trade products where these are available. We grow our own herbs in season.

### Energy

From June 2007 we will get our electricity and gas from RSPB energy .Electricity from RSPB Energy is produced from renewable sources, including hydro-power and wind power, which do not create harmful emissions. We have already reduced our overall consumption of electricity by using low energy lighting and switching off all unused electrical devices.

### Heating

We use gas for our central heating and hot water system. The system, a condensation installed in 2006, was the most efficient on the market at the time. Each room is individually heated through radiator thermostat and one thermostat timers control the whole house.

### Water

We installed flow reducers on taps where possible, fitted more efficient water tanks in toilets , We try to water the garden using our water butt.

### Cleaning and washing

Most of our cleaning products are from Eco Cover and we use eco-products for the washing and drying.

### Waste

We recycle all we can, but first of all we try to reduce our waste by not producing it. We buy in bulk when possible reducing packaging and ask suppliers to avoid them at a maximum (a long way to go, there!)..

### Recycling

We recycle as much as possible and encourage our guests to do likewise. Cardboard, papers, cans and glasses are all brought to the collection point. Items which can be re-used are given away through the association Freecycle . We also use recycled materials where possible.

## Transport

Dorset is such a beautiful place to see most of it inaccessible by car, so walking is a fantastic way to see this beautiful coast, we supply maps of the coastal path and are always happy to guide people to some stunning walks. Public transport in Swanage is easy to use and we are always willing to help people with timetables and information on services.

## Nature

We encourage all wildlife in our garden, we have bird and Squirrel feeders, nesting boxes and we also make sure their is water available in winter for wildlife. We also have adopted a monkey at monkey world. We also are happy to share information on nature sites to visit.

## What can you do?

You can help us by using water and electricity in a sensible way. Switch off your TV and lights when you leave the room. Re-use towels will help us saving a lot of water. You can also use the recycling bins provided in your room to make sure that, any unnecessary items are not disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

## Future

But of course, there is still a lot to do, we are looking into a wind turbine for a supplementary power source , and any other energy saving devices we can financially sustain.

