

Mariners Guest House Green Policy

At the Mariners Guest House Guest House we are committed to working in a sustainable way. We are undertaking the following actions in order to achieve this:

- We comply with the requirements of environmental legislation and approved codes of practice.
- We continuously seek to improve our environmental and social performance.
- We reduce pollution emissions and waste.
- We reduce the use of energy, water and other resources.
- We raise awareness, encourage participation and train employees in sustainable business practices.
- We expect similar environmental standards from all suppliers and contractors.
- We assist customers to use products and services in an environmentally sensitive way.
- We have minimised our risks associated with social and environmental issues.
- We have joined the Green Tourism Business Scheme as an indicator of our sustainable practices.
- We comply with all regulations regarding waste management
- We review our environmental performance monthly

Over the past 3 years we have

Invested in solar panel technology

Invested in a heat source pump to heat our showers

Cut our electricity use by 50%

Cut our water use by 1/3 in the past 12 months

We purchase Eco friendly cleaning products to reduce toxic cleaning

Purchased UV lights and Ozone machine

cut down our plastic consumption Openly communicate our practices to guests and other businesses

We have replaced our televisions with Smart TVs and all lights throughout the guest house are LED

How to be a 'Green Visitor'

At the Mariners Guest House we are committed to operating in an environmentally friendly way. Here are some suggestions on how to be a greener visitor:

- Give the car a rest and travel by train or bus there are timetables on request
- Bikes – Why don't you travel locally by bike, ie bring your bikes with you, we have secure bike storage available to guests. Or hire one of our electric bike here or locally
- Re-use towels – towels are changed on the 3rd night of your stay to avoid wasting energy through unnecessary laundry.
- Conserve energy – switch lights and television off when not needed and keep windows closed when heating is on.
- All rooms have thermostatic valves on radiators so heating temperature can be adjusted as required.
- Be water wise – use water wisely, such as by turning the tap off when brushing your teeth. We have shower timers to assist with your length of shower
- Reduce, re-use, recycle – leave recyclable goods in your room and we shall recycle them.