



Environmental Awareness

At Thistle House we are committed to providing a good quality service whilst trying to minimise the environmental impact of our activities.

We feel passionately about our beautiful surroundings here in Argyll and the surrounding area and hope to preserve them for future generations for years to come. Listed below are examples of how we strive to reduce our waste, energy consumption, and water consumption as well as respecting and promoting our natural and cultural heritage.

- We will recycle the paper and glass waste in your room bin.
- We strive to be paper lite reducing printing and receiving as much online mail as possible.
- We recycle as much as possible and also participate in our local council's food waste system.
- We use low energy light bulbs.
- Toilets are dual flush.
- The building has been doubly insulated.
- We change your sheets every four days – reducing associated energy consumption
- If you want your towels changed put them in the bath or shower. If they are hanging up or put back on the towel rail we will leave them with you to use again.
- We purchase as many ingredients as possible for your cooked breakfast from local suppliers and use Fair Trade products where no local products are available.
- We encourage wildlife into our garden grounds.
- Your room is cleaned with environmentally friendly products.
- We encourage our guests to support local producers, pubs, restaurants and cafes and we promote local tourist attractions.
- We are happy to collect people who travel by public transport and have train/ bus and ferry timetables.
- We have this year installed a new "A" rated oil boiler for maximum efficiency and always buy appliances with the same rating for maximum efficiency
- All central heating radiators have thermostatic valves so the rooms are not over heated unnecessarily.
- We only use water based eco friendly paint throughout the house.
- All used soaps and body washes are recycled and sent to less fortunate Countries
- We support "The Raven Trust" by donating all our used linen, towels and clothes which are used in Hospitals and clinics in Malawi.

If you would like to help to contribute to preserve our local countryside:

- Switch off your lights when you are not using them.
- Use water with care.
- You are also invited to turn your television off at the mains when you are not using it so that the little red light switches off.
- If you would like to buy produce from the local shops this will help the local economy and reduce the environmental impact.

And finally, we would like to thank you for your help and support in protecting this beautiful area, assuring you that we respect your decisions whatever you choose to do.

Most importantly enjoy your stay with us.