

Green Statement

We at Arundel House have a commitment to the environment: “Start small make it work, and build upon success and continue to improve.”

Local charity's we support are Secret world and the Somerset wildlife Trust apart from English heritage and the National Trust.

Re-cycling.

Separation of paper cans plastic, card, Tetra Cartons and Glass bottles deposited at recycling centres

Some Plastic bottles used for the garden as water reservoirs getting water to places that need it the most.

Plastic carrier bags used in bins, instead of buying in bags specially however with the use reusable shopping bags the plastic carrier bags are in less supply and we do have to by special bags now sourcing bags from friends to use in bins instead on having to buy bags!

During the summer, some of our waste paper goes to making paper bricks for use on the fire during the winter,

Compositing of leaves,

Composting of plant materials to the council composting depot

Food waste composted and sent for dog food to feed hungry Pyrenean mountain dogs!

Egg shells are crushed and used to dissuade the slugs and snails.

Re-use of fliers, old faxes and other paper that have had only one side used.

All paper reams bought in are made from recycled paper toilet paper, and Kitchen rolls are always made from recycled paper.

Old clothes, toys guests' abandoned goods etc, to charities even old abandoned socks can be recycled for there fibre.

Old furniture and appliances are sent to a Bristol housing charity to be revamp

Use of refillable liquid soap shampoo and shower gel.

Recycle old soap bars to make soft soap.

Use of rechargeable batteries

Old towels and sheets etc used for cleaning cloths duster etc.

Marmalade is home made and most of the jams if not home made, made locally, and butter in to 'pats' saving on packaging.

Energy conservation:

Shutters used to conserve energy

Use of long life low energy bulbs

Timers to cut down lighting in public areas only when needed

Outside light on motion detectors and switches

Saver plugs and timers switches good seals on fridges freezers, and regular defrosting

Room kettles small or energy efficient lager ones depending on the room combinations

Monitoring and adjustment of timer and central control for hot water and central-heating, gageing occupation time of day and weather conditions.

Digital thermometers in rooms help us calculate more accurately our need for heating

Use of radiator thermostats,

Reflectors behind radiator to optimize heat destitution.

Self closing doors

All hot water tanks lagged

Solar power for water heating in the laundry.

A to do put in shutter upstairs to help keep warm in winter and cool in summer and also keep noise out. As this is a listed building this is the best way of preserving the character (and in my personal option better than double glazing any day!)

Firewood from a wood partially owned by the family. Christmas trees are also chopped up for firewood and the neighbours bring theirs round too.

Garden;

Frog pond and sign for when baby frogs start to emerge as we can't cut the grass for fear of chopping baby frogs!

Plants for birds and butterflies i.e. buddleia lavender rosemary etc.

Bird feeding stations and nesting boxes

Composting garden waste

Water butts for rainwater collection

A vegetable bed for growing our own veg, potato pots and tomatoes etc.

During a short period in the summer our own cherry trees produce good eating cherries, we make into ice cream jams etc.

Water and Waste;

Solar power water heater in laundry.

Encouraging guests to re-use towels

Use of environmentally friendly laundry and cleaning agents,

Showers through out the areas cut down energy and water.

Dishwasher has a 2 minute cycle but when there is any a few items to be washed don by hand. Washing machines chosen for low energy and their effectiveness.

Deposal of large and potentially harmful items (microwaves fridges) with the help of the local authority via there recycling sides

Many tasks e.g. decorating, and routine maintenance done ourselves, which cuts down on harmful effects of others actions.

Laundry is done in house there for there are no carbon miles.

Builder, plumbers etc when used are local and local suppliers used are also aware of environmental disposal of waste.

General;

Business consciously structured so that we can manage with/ without staff – so that we have tight control of all aspects, this choice is for many reasons to suit us, with one of the benefits that we can tightly monitor the use of energy, conservation, waste recycling disposal etc.

Extensive use of internet as advertising medium reducing dramatically paper work re bookings e.g. two or three letters from us answering enquires confirming bookings etc together with a greater number clients emailing exchanging information quicker and more effectively. Which in turn dramatically reduces paper brochures and post etc. because of this we can now we also produce our own paper brochures, as their use has decreased. And we do not need the volume any longer.

All new furniture purchased chosen wood from sustainable forests.

Evening meals are pre booked and likes dislikes and diets so meals can be tailored and every thing bought fresh, therefore limiting food waste.

Use of own car for pick up and transporting etc, if shopping in village walking or cycling to reduce carbon footprint. Linking outings e.g. waste disposal, shopping and delivery of in house mail off site, to cut down wasteful trips.

Local maps and detailed directions on website with details of public transport alternatives.

Public transport including bus maps available. Cycle hire details available and hire close by. Local walking books and cycle routes also available on site. Locked cycle storage onsite.

Guests are made aware of our environmental involvement and are invited to participate. Comments and suggestions and ideas gratefully received.