



Eco and Sustainability Policy

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At Hoe Grange our environment is very precious, with beautiful unspoilt views, and no noise or light pollution. We work hard to keep our Peak District special whilst minimising the overall impact on the environment, and are proud to have been awarded the Green Tourism Business Scheme¹ Gold Award and the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark² for our sustainable efforts, conservation, use of local produce, energy-efficiency and environmentally-friendly business practices. Ever mindful of preserving our environment and the need to minimise pollution everywhere, we try to play our part by being eco friendly, and encourage you, our guests, to join our efforts during your stay.

At Hoe Grange we:

- *Support sustainable use of the countryside and encourage guests to leave the car behind during their holiday and access the outdoors in a more eco friendly way, be it on foot, by bicycle or on their own horse – try the “Hoe Grange Time Travellers Trail”, downloadable from our website.*
- Encourage greater understanding of the wildlife, countryside and biodiversity through our farm tours and walks. Hoe Grange farm has achieved Natural England’s, Uplands Entry Level Stewardship³ status for protecting dry stone walls and managing our grassland as natural habitats which encourages native wildflowers and wildlife to flourish, and for renovating the traditional dew ponds. We are now stepping up our efforts to qualify for Higher Level Stewardship.
- Encourage car sharing and provide information on local public transport (although not always practical in such a rural location).
- Installed photovoltaic solar panels that track the sun to produce electricity for the cabins (40% more efficient than static roof panels), a roof mounted solar system, a 10kw wind turbine, air source and ground source heat systems and a biomass boiler.
- Purchase locally to minimise environmental damage through road and air miles and to keep the money in our local economy e.g. biscuits in your welcome pack come from Taste of the Moorlands.
- Monitor and improve our environmental performance, reducing power usage and waste. We save energy whenever practical by line drying bedlinen and towels outside and extensive use of low energy light bulbs. The outside lights have been fitted with passive infrared sensors (PIR’s).
- Install energy efficient 'A' rated appliances

- Minimise paperwork by working online. Unavoidable print-outs, copies, letter heads, and leaflets are printed solely on recycled paper or paper sourced from sustainable forests. Failed print outs are used as scrap paper. We recycle ink cartridges, and use an eco paper stapler.
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning materials and detergents, which are developed using raw materials from vegetable and mineral sources that are carefully selected and guarantee maximum biodegradability. Buy in bulk and save on packaging.
- Source local skills and knowledge whenever possible, and employ local people with a personal link to the region and commitment to its sustainability.
- Support Fairtrade e.g. we offer Fairtrade tea and coffee as part of our welcome pack.
- Have a continuously improving policy of providing, wherever possible, environmentally friendly healthy options and products that are not tested on animals e.g. Faith in Nature toiletries.
- Minimise water usage & collect run off rain water for watering plants.
- Positively encourage guests to recycle by providing containers for recycling paper, cardboard, metal tins, aluminium drinks cans, plastics, food and drinks packs (tetra packs) and compost waste.
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulation.
- Offset our carbon emissions where possible and have planted 100 indigenous trees, including Ash, Hawthorn, Sycamore and Holly.
- Work with other local Environmental Quality Mark businesses to provide guests with fresh local produce hampers, home cooked ready meals and puddings, from farms & businesses managed for conservation in the Peak District National Park. On offer is produce from organic to rare breed products, from dairy and meat to local wine, from bakery to vegetables. It's as good as having a farmers market come to you, to make your holiday as hassle free as possible.

At Hoe Grange Holidays we recognise that you can always do more. We are trying to reduce the environmental impact of our lifestyles and welcome suggestions as to how we can improve and lower our impact further. Our policies will continue to evolve, and be regularly reviewed & updated.

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¹ Green Tourism Business Scheme www.green-business.co.uk

² Peak District Environmental Quality Mark www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/eqm

³ Uplands Entry Level Stewardship
www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/uplandsels/default.aspx