



## Environmental Statement

Llansantffraed Court Hotel is a privately owned and run, grade 2 listed, Country House Hotel, situated near to Abergavenny in Monmouthshire.

Llansantffraed Court Hotel is committed to operate to improve its performance by reducing its impact on the environment, and by promoting responsible and sustainable tourism. We accept our responsibility for the environment, and will implement an environmental management system by doing the following:

- **Grants and the Future.**

In November 2012 we have applied for a capital grant which will hopefully allow us to install a large accelerated composting system. The generated compost will then be recycled in our walled garden.

- **Using home grown produce.**

At Llansantffraed Court we have our own restored walled kitchen garden. All seasonal vegetables and herbs grown in the garden are used in the set and A la Carte menus in our restaurant.

- **Using second hand and re-cycled items.**

Work in progress includes the installation of very large second hand recycled Victorian glass house to accompany our other glass house to grow more home grown produce.

- **Using Eco friendly transport.**

We are the proud owners of a Renault Twizy, called 'Tipyn', an electrically powered two seater car, which is available for both staff and residents to use around the local area and especially throughout the Brecon Beacons National Park. The Twizy is part of the through the innovative community transport company Eco Travel Network. By early November 2012 Typin has already travelled 1500 miles in three months.

- **Recycling waste products.**

All glass bottles are recycled in large recycling bin supplied and collected by Monmouthshire Council. These bins can also be used by the residential neighbours in the houses surrounding the hotel.

- **Recycling of peelings.**

Designated bins are provided in the kitchen for catering staff to collect any vegetable matter and dispose of any peelings for composting.

- **Recycling paper.**

We print documents double sided where appropriate and any scrap paper or used paper is re-used for in-house documentation

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- **Using energy saving light bulbs.**  
We endeavour to use energy saving light bulbs wherever possible in the hotel.
- **Recycling towels.**  
We give our guests the opportunity to re-cycle their towels – use them more than once. If they can use their towels again, we ask if they can be hung up, but if they would like fresh towels, then by putting dirty towels in the bath, fresh towels can be supplied.
- **Using disposable packaging.**  
In each room toiletries are supplied in either dispensable or biodegradable packaging, limiting the number of waste products.
- **Using dispensable housekeeping chemicals.**  
All cleaning products used by our housekeeping department are dispensed using a measured and controlled system, which reduces the amount of packaging which is thrown away.
- **Using Welsh blankets.**  
The blankets used in all of the bedrooms are from a Welsh company called Melyn Tregwynt. We use as many welsh and local suppliers as possible to reduce the shipping and transportation of products.
- **Using local produce suppliers.**  
All of the produce we use is local. From the beef to the cheese, we strive to maintain the promise that our food is fresh and often menus are 100% Welsh. A list of our suppliers is available on our website and in every menu.
- **Promoting the use of our grounds and local area for walking.**  
We have a list of places and sights that our residents can experience during their stay with us. By encouraging them to explore the beautiful acres of land surround the hotel and for the keen walkers we have some lovely picturesque walks for them to explore, this promotes gentle exercise and also limits the use of transport.
- **Preserving the local wildlife.**  
We have bird's nests in the trees which surround the hotel, and have installed over 30 nest boxes of various types and sizes.. Our lake is an annual home for nesting Canada geese, wild ducks, moorhens and herons.
- **Using a more up to date computer system.**  
By having an up to date system which can store every type of information we need in a digital format, we reduce the amount of paperwork needed and also the amount of paper scrapped. When appropriate we endeavour to email PDF copies of the bills further reducing the paper used.
- **Eco friendly energy.**  
The electricity contract supplied to the hotel is certified 100% green and is supplied by EDF Energy who have implemented ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems into many of their own UK power plants to help with continual environmental improvements.

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