

# Sustainability

## Why we aspire to be sustainable at Wynyard Hall Hotel

Wynyard Hall is a hotel with 16 bedrooms. We have a restaurant a bar and banqueting / conference facilities. On average we can have up to 200 guests on site at any one time. We employ around 160 people.

The senior management recognise their responsibility to manage the environmental impacts of our activities. We have assessed our activities and identified that our significant environmental impacts include:

- Energy consumption
- Waste management
- Water usage
- Others - including chemical usage and education

In order to promote good sustainable practices our policies are:

1. To identify the significant environmental impacts of our activities.
2. To develop suitable objectives, targets and management programmes, applying appropriate operational procedures to minimise our significant environmental impacts during normal, abnormal and emergency conditions.
3. To comply with relevant legislation, regulation and other requirements relating to our significant environmental impacts.
4. To prevent pollution, minimise our inputs of utilities and resources and the outputs of emissions to the atmosphere, effluents to waters/sewers and wastes to disposal facilities; endeavouring to re-use, recover or recycle materials where practicable.
5. To ensure that environmental responsibilities are defined, communicated and understood at all levels within our organisation and provide appropriate training where needed.
6. To ensure that suppliers and contractors understand the Company Policy and assist them in developing appropriate systems and a responsible approach with regard to environmental issues.
7. To communicate, co-operate and respond to the views of interested parties, including, customers and the general public, on environmental issues, where this is practicable and likely to result in an overall improved environmental performance.
8. To strive for continual improvement in overall environmental performance.



## What we are doing to minimise our impact

### Energy consumption

- a. Energy conservation training to all our colleagues
- b. Use maximum insulation wherever possible
- c. Avoid leaving appliances on stand-by
- d. We have installed individual controls to all radiators
- e. We have installed low energy light bulbs wherever possible
- f. Install timer light switches wherever possible
- g. Purchase energy efficient equipment.

### Waste management

- a. Re-use as much as possible - we have a dispenser system for cleaning products which means we re-use containers.
- b. Reduce packaging - we try to purchase products that has a minimum amount of packaging.
- c. Recycling - we have facilities for; glass, paper, cardboard, drinks cans, plastic, fluorescent tubes, ink and toner cartridges, batteries.

### Water usage

- a. We have fitted aerators in all guest bathrooms to reduce the level of water usage
- b. We have fitted hippo water saving devices to cisterns wherever possible
- c. Water saving devices fitted to all WC throughout the building

### Others - including chemical usage and education

- a. We have carried out an audit of the chemicals we use on site we will then use this to highlight any practices or purchases that can be altered to reduce the use of any potential chemicals such as cleaning materials
- b. We are sourcing a reliable supply of recycled paper for use in offices and for marketing material. We are trying to find a supply which does not utilize harmful bleaches in its production process.
- c. We encourage our colleagues to car share wherever possible.
- d. We try whenever possible to purchase local goods and services as well as Fair Trade and organic produce.



## Local Goods and Services

a. Our main suppliers are all local companies who source local home grown and reared produce such as:

### Russell Hume - for our Meat, Game & Poultry

- Sausages - Used for breakfast, our event barbecues and which are served in the restaurant are made for us.
- Wensleydale bacon, Dorrens black puddings - This is made in Thirsk.
- Beef - Is grass fed Yorkshire Beef
- Lamb - Is from the Dales
- Pork - Is from Yorkshire
- Venison -Is from Richmond Estates
- Ducks - Are free range.

**Hodgson - is our Fish supplier he has a small fleet of day boats which run out of Hartlepool docks, this is fantastic as it means we get the pick of the same days catch from our very own coastline which includes;**

- Mackerel
- Cod
- Haddock
- Plaice
- Brill
- Turbot
- Crabs
- Lobsters
- Sea Trout
- Squid
- We are also able to obtain Northumberland Oysters and Mussels'.

### Quality Food Suppliers

They source local ingredients for our kitchen and inform us of local seasonal ingredients when they come in season and are at their best.

They also provide us with milk, cream, eggs which come from a local dairy.

- Salad leaves and herbs are from Thirsk.
  - Cheeses served on our cheese board are all from local producers;
  - Ribblesdale Goats Cheese
  - Wensleydale
  - Swaledale Cows
  - Mrs Bells blue
  - Northumberland Smoked



### **From the Grounds**

We are able to obtain

- Wild Garlic
- Small amount of wild mushrooms

At our in-house cookery events, we not only support our local suppliers by using their goods we also promote them by utilising their products into our cookery classes and promote them by giving samples of the food from our suppliers for the attendees to take home on the day.

### **Natural and Cultural Heritage Initiatives**

As part of Wynyard Hall's commitment to preserve the cultural heritage of the site we have been heavily involved with English Heritage throughout the refurbishment of the hall.

We have history books available in the Hall with details of the family history of the building and there are many original paintings displayed throughout the hall with family portraits.

### **Business Vehicles are Eco-friendly**

All company vehicles are sourced with fuel efficiency and longevity in mind wherever practical.

### **Cultural Events and Festivals**

Wynyard Hall supports local and cultural events such as;

- Historic Houses Association
- Living North Fair
- Ridewell Event
- Butterwick Hospice
- Monthly community Chapel Services
- Annual community carol services
- Wynyard Village Children's Football Team practice in grounds
- Heavily support local charities with hosting events / raffle prizes

### **Information on natural heritage**

Wynyard Hall promotes natural heritage on site and supports local partners who preserve and promote natural heritage such as English Heritage, National Trust.

We have a native tree planting policy in place.

### **Specialist Heritage and Cultural Buildings**

We are committed to maintaining the balance between development and preservations.

### **Light Pollution**

Wynyard Hall has a responsibility to residents and visitors to the Hall to minimise light pollution.

### **In the future**

We are currently looking in to switching over to a new fuel system which will use wood chippings to generate fuel; the chippings will be sourced from our Estate and will be used to replace standard fuel.



## What can you do to minimise our impact

Obviously you are here to enjoy the facilities and the area and most of all to have a great time but we would be very grateful if you could help us do our bit by keeping to the following hints & tips:-

1. Help reduce energy consumption by switching off your bedroom lights when the room is empty, closing your curtains in winter to keep heat in the room, and turn down the thermostatic control on the radiator to a comfortable level.
2. Think about water consumption when taking a shower, try not to wash your hands or clean your teeth under a running tap.
3. Let us know if you notice any leaking or dripping taps - they lose a lot more than you think!
4. Please place towels you would like replaced on the floor, if they are not left on the floor we will assume you do not require clean ones.
5. Help yourself to leaflets of local attractions but try not to take more than you need and even better return them after use.
6. Buy local or Fair Trade produce whenever you can.
7. Enjoy our beautiful grounds and do a spot of bird / animal watching.
8. Don't drop litter. Litter can be very harmful to wildlife.

## Walking & Cycling

Wynyard Hall is surrounded by 120 acres of Parkland which is suitable for walking and cycling and supports visitors in undertaking these activities with information and advice available from reception.

## Cycle Hire Information

Information on cycle hire is available from [www.visitnortheastengland.co.uk](http://www.visitnortheastengland.co.uk)

Information on cycle routes throughout the Tees Valley area is available from; [www.wynyardwoodlandpark.org.uk](http://www.wynyardwoodlandpark.org.uk)  
[www.stockton.gov.uk/citizenservices/transport/cyclingincleveland/cyclew/](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/citizenservices/transport/cyclingincleveland/cyclew/)

Cycle storage is available onsite

## Coach Parking and Switch off Policy

Coach parking is available at Wynyard Hall please contact our events co-ordinator on 01740 644811 for more details.

## Information on local Cultural Attractions

Wynyard Hall works with numerous local attractions and events to promote their activities through leaflets all of which are readily available from reception. Further information on local attractions and events can be obtained from [www.visitteesvalley.co.uk](http://www.visitteesvalley.co.uk)

## Information about nature-related attractions in the area

Due to Wynyard Hall's location we are in close proximity to a number of natural attractions and work to promote and support them;

[www.wynyardwoodlandpark.org.uk](http://www.wynyardwoodlandpark.org.uk)

[www.sunnysummerhill.com](http://www.sunnysummerhill.com)

[www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/s/saltholme/index.aspx](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/s/saltholme/index.aspx)

## Accessibility to nature

Information on accessibility to nature is available from reception.

