



# Going Green

Best Western Hotel de Havelet is one of three family owned hotels all based in Guernsey. We value our island heritage and are working to reduce our impact on the environment and we recognise the need to play our part in the community.

## Some of the measures we have introduced so far include:

- Having double or secondary glazing in much of the hotel to reduce heat loss
- Using energy saving light bulbs in most public areas of the hotel
- Over half of our rooms have Mira eco water saving shower heads
- Individual thermostatic heating controls in most bedroom and bathrooms
- Replaced our main boiler with two efficient condensing boilers
- Solar panels are used to heat the indoor swimming pool
- Bromine used in the pool as opposed to chlorine
- Only leaving essential internal lighting on at night
- Using the minimum amount of packaged portion items
- Recycle paper, cardboard, tins, plastic bottles, glass, milk and juice cartons
- Recycle used cooking oil
- Reusing paper for internal documents and note taking
- Installing dispensers for shampoo/shower gel reducing packaging
- Have introduced 'greener' cleaning agents and recycled paper items
- Only running dishwashers and glass washers with full loads
- We buy local produce whenever possible
- Monitoring our energy and water usage
- Introducing environmental awareness into our staff induction programme
- Using local trades people for refurbishing and upgrading wherever possible
- We have information on public bus services
- We can arrange cycle hire and have we secure cycle storage for guests
- We support our Guernsey Cheshire Home, our Hospice, The Healing Music trust and Junior Badminton as well as local schools and charities
- We collect used stamps and change for Action Aid and we support the Tumaini fund for orphans in Tanzania
- We support WaterAid with its clean water project by offering Belu water

## For the next level:

We are now working towards the silver level. We will look to increase our sustainable purchasing and have now started to use fair trade products. We are investigating the practicality of installing PIR sensors and high speed, low energy hand dryers into our public restrooms. With our continuing refurbishment programme we will be installing dual flush toilets in all bathrooms. We will be revisiting our recycling options giving preference to measures aimed at eliminating or reducing waste.



# Feel Good

## Seven things you can do to help the planet

We are working to make our destination more eco friendly but we need your help. We can all reduce our impact on the environment by making choices. As a visitor you have a very important role to play in helping us to conserve our natural assets and to become a more sustainable destination. Here are our recommended tips on how you can help:

### Conserve Energy

Reduce energy by switching off lights and closing windows if the heating is on. the energy saving trust provides information on what you can do at home.

[www.energysavingtrust.co.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.co.uk)

### Give the car a rest

Leave the car behind for a day. Walk, cycle or use public transport. We will happily provide you with this advice.

[www.milards.org](http://www.milards.org) (for cycle hire) [www.icw.gg](http://www.icw.gg) (Island Coachways)

### Shop Local

Use local products – they give you a flavour of the area and help support local communities. Try Guernsey Gache, our special fruit loaf, enjoy Guernsey milk and butter and buy local flowers to take home. Ask us about our local products.

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra carrier bag. You can support us in our efforts to recycle – please ask the staff for more details.

[www.gov.gg/recycle](http://www.gov.gg/recycle) [www.guernseyrecycle.org.uk](http://www.guernseyrecycle.org.uk)

### Be Water Wise

Guernsey always has to be careful with water usage so please use water wisely. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and adhere to towel policies or other water saving initiatives.

[www.water-guide.org.uk](http://www.water-guide.org.uk)

### Respect Nature

Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, guarding against fire and using footpaths and cycle ways responsibly. Ensure you follow the Countryside Code. Take the chance to get close to nature and enjoy a taste of adventure with kayaking and coastering with Outdoor Guernsey.

[www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk) [www.outdoorguernsey.co.uk](http://www.outdoorguernsey.co.uk)

### Support Green Business

There are thousands of business in the British Isles working to reduce the carbon footprint through the Green Tourism Business Scheme. Businesses are rewarded Bronze, Silver and Gold for their efforts to be more sustainable.

[www.greenbusiness.co.uk](http://www.greenbusiness.co.uk)

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