

Bosinver Farm Cottages Environmental Statement

'Believe one who knows: you will find something greater in woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters'. Saint Bernard de Clairvaux

If you have clicked on this link you are interested in the environment... so are we. You, (as our guests) are critical in helping minimise our environmental impact, so we promise to work hard and make it easy for you to be green whilst you are staying with us.

About us

Bosinver Farm has 20 self-catering cottages nestled in a 30 acre small holding. Our land is diverse, with wetland, woodland, mature hedgerows, pasture and meadows that support a wide range of wildlife from buttercups to bees, woodlice to warblers and oaks to otters.

We are passionate about nature, wild-play and conserving the environment in our little part of Cornwall. As a result we put a lot of effort into ensuring that all aspects of our business are as sustainable as we can make them and we ensure that environmental issues form a key consideration in every decision we make.

Our efforts have been recognized, with an Excellent Green Tourism rating from the Green Tourism Business Scheme and we are also proud to have won Gold for Sustainable Tourism at the Cornwall Tourism Awards and the Connecting with Nature category at the Cornwall Sustainability Awards.

This Environmental Statement sets out our most significant environmental commitments:

We will encourage you to enjoy nature and the outdoors

Get dirty! The world is mud-luscious and puddle-wonderful! We will encourage our guests to explore Cornwall and roam our land freely during your stay. We will provide unique opportunities for you and your little ones to feed animals and play in nature.

We are passionate about getting children to play outdoors and we will hold a Wild Kids adventure with a qualified Forest School leader every week (that we have a minimum of 8 children staying with us).

Our land is organic and managed sensitively for wildlife. We will encourage you to be a 'nature detective', wildlife spotting and learning about the animals and plants that live at Bosinver.

❖ Your stay with us will be powered by green energy

Fossil fuels are for dinosaurs! All of our electricity is generated from renewable sources.

30% of our energy is supplied by on-site renewable technologies which include solar and solar thermal panels; air and ground source heat pumps. We aspire for this to be 40% by April 2019.

❖ Your cottage and facilities will be built and maintained to high environmental standards

Luxury needn't cost the earth. All new buildings such as our eco-house, Lowen and our pool will be built to high environmental building standards and be powered by renewable technologies. We will ensure existing buildings are well insulated and energy and water efficient.

With your help we will use water wisely and we aim to reduce our annual consumption every year through water efficiency measures and addressing any leaks.

We will buy environmentally friendly goods and products and encourage our suppliers to think about their impact too.

All our electric appliances as a minimum will be A-rated (and stylish!) and the cleaning products we use will be sensitive to the environment.

To reflect our efforts our Green Tourism award score will be rated as Excellent at our next review in 2019.

❖ **Recycling and composting will be made easy**

Waste nothing. We will provide recycling and composting facilities and as a result we will throw less away. Only 2% of our waste goes to landfill and with your help we aim to send zero waste to landfill by 2019.

❖ **Go car free**

Ditch the car. We have loads to do on-site - whether it's baking, swimming, tennis, softplay or exploring our adventure trails, there's plenty of free activities for the whole family to enjoy so why travel? Instead, stay here and play.

We will refund your taxi journey to us when you travel here by train and have secured Bosinver rates from our local award winning 100% electric car taxi company (C&C taxis) to whisk you silently around the local countryside on your adventures.

We have published an e-book "50 things to do without your car" as a reference guide on how best to get out of driving whilst you are with staying us.

Our electric car charging points will increase from 1 to 4 by 2018.

❖ **We will explain what we do and how we do it**

Knowledge is power. We hope to inspire people to enjoy and value the countryside more and to experience it in new and interesting ways. We hope perhaps that as a result you might take some of our environmental ideas home with you.

We want to lead the way, demonstrating that being green is good for business by sharing our own experiences and ethos with others. We will collect information and evidence so that we can measure the improvements we make.

We will learn and continually improve so we will actively seek and act on feedback from you and our peers.