

Environmental Policy

Crathie Opportunity Holidays is situated in the Cairngorms National Park, one of Scotland's most outstanding areas in terms of wildlife, natural environment, spectacular scenery and rich cultural heritage.

We aim to minimise our impact on the environment so that this special place will be enjoyed by visitors and locals alike for many years to come. We are trying to be as careful as possible to ensure that our environmental policies are positive, achievable and continually improving.

The following are some of the ways in which we strive to be "Greener"

- * **Recycling:** Plastic bottles, glass, aluminium cans, paper, cardboard, batteries, printer cartridges, stamps.
- * **Energy Efficiency:** Low energy lightbulbs, A rated appliances, double glazing, good insulation, heating thermostats in each room, washing line for drying clothes and linen, email correspondence where possible. We monitor oil and electricity consumption and aim to increase the efficiency with which they are used.
- * **Water Efficiency:** Toilets with low volume flush, SEPA approved septic tank, soft water is good to drink, less limescale and less powder required in washing machines.
- * **Transport and Travel:** Encourage carbon offset for journey to Crathie at www.climatecare.org , Member of Walkers and Cyclists Welcome, public transport information provided to guests.
- * **Eco-friendly Products:** Ecover cleaning products, Suma paper products, Ecoballs, Dryer Balls, Recycled office paper.
- * **Fair Trade Products:** Sugar, coffee, tea, ethical pension provision for staff.
- * **Support Local Businesses:** Visitor attraction information in cottages highlighting other GTBS members, Welcome Pack has an extensive list of local shops and businesses, we use local trades-people to carry out repairs and maintenance whenever possible.
- * **Encourage Wildlife:** Bird Feeders in the Garden, planting for insects, we have an extensive range of guide books and local nature information in the Log Cabin.
- * **Staff Awareness:** We encourage all staff to be aware of our green code and provide information in our Staff Handbook.

We are committed to these practices and will monitor their efficiency regularly. As always we welcome any suggestions you have to help us improve our performance.