

## *Loch Kinord Hotel & the Environment.*

At the loch Kinord Hotel we are committed to working towards a greener environment.

In order to achieve this we are aiming:

To reduce waste

To recycle where possible

To use locally sourced produce

To reduce energy consumption

To promote public transport

To promote the natural environment and the wildlife that live around us.

We ask that when you are visiting the hotel and the area, you help us achieve our aims and Be a responsible Visitor – Seven things you can do to help save the planet

- *Conserve energy* – Reduce energy by switching off lights and closing windows if heating is on. The energy Saving Trust provides information on what you can do at home
- *Give the car a rest* – Leave the car behind, if only for a day, walk, cycle or use public transport
- *Shop local* – use local products, they give you a flavour of the area and help support local communities. We are fortunate to have some fantastic producers of food, drink, and arts and crafts in our region. Ask about local markets or local and regional produce
- *Reduce, reuse, recycle* – Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra carrier bag. Try and recycle any waste you have
- *Be water wise* – Please use water wisely. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and adhere to towel policies or other water saving initiatives
- *Respect nature* – Help us to look after the landscape and Wildlife by not littering, guarding against fire and using footpaths and cycle ways responsibly
- *Support Green Tourism Business* – There are hundreds of businesses trying to reduce their environmental impacts through the green Tourism Business Scheme. Businesses are awarded bronze, silver and gold for their efforts to be more environmentally responsible. See [www.green-business.co.uk](http://www.green-business.co.uk) for more information

And most importantly, have a good time when you are here; we'd like you to come back

Some of the initiatives we have undertaken at the hotel include:

Low energy lighting throuout the whole hotel.

Sophisticated heating controls to give you heat when it is required.

Energy controls on refrigeration units.

Recycled paper goods in the bedroom and office

Local suppliers for our meats and vegetables wherever possible

Promotion of local suppliers to our customers including meet the suppliers open days.

Recycling of Glass, paper, cardboard, plastic and aluminium cans which has resulted in a 50% reduction in general waste.

Biodegradeable black bin bags

We use concentrated cleaning chemicals which are diluted onsite in reusable bottles.

At least 600mm of insulation in the roof with plans to increase.

Bird feeders around the hotel and red squirrel feeders in the woods opposite the hotel.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve further, please let us know.