



Going Green.....

We don't want to make a song and dance about the climate change or green debate but here at the Broadwater we do believe that we have a responsibility to ensure that the planet is passed on to our grandchildren in the best state we can.

Resources are finite and will run out at some stage, we believe that each individual can make choices and does make a difference.

What we are doing:

- Recycling of plastic, cardboard, glass and paper
- Recycled office supplies
- Email and online booking to save paper
- Fitting low energy light bulbs in all rooms and public areas of the guest house
- Changed our cleaning products to Eco friendly
- Changed toilet paper, room tissues, kitchen roll and napkins to 100% recycled
- Using a more Eco friendly way to provide guest toiletries
- Stopped using small glass jars of jam and marmalade for breakfast
- Stopped using individual butter portions
- Organised local information for guests in the residents lounge with lots of ideas on things to do in the surrounding area and suggestions for 'car free' days out
- Information on local public transport with maps and time tables in the residents lounge
- Monitoring our electric, gas and water consumption and looking for ways we can save
- Ongoing Refurbishment programme:
 - Insulation of roof spaces
 - Double glazing
 - Changing baths for showers

What you can do if you wish to participate:

- We want you to be warm so feel free to use the electric heaters in your room, however, please ensure you turn off electric heaters and lights **before** leaving your room and ensure electric heaters are turned off **before** opening windows
- Towels in the bath/shower tray mean you need them to be changed, towels on the rail means that you are happy to use them again
- Let us know as soon as possible if you have a dripping tap so we can arrange to get it fixed
- Walk/use public transport or hire a bike instead of using your car for some of the days during your holiday – lots of ideas can be found in the residents lounge
- Only use the waste bin in your room for non-recyclable waste, please use the appropriate recycling box available on the ground floor to dispose of your glass, newspapers, plastic drinks bottles/cans etc.
- We will safely dispose of any spent batteries you may have rather than you put them in the room bins
- Please do not flush nappies/sanitary waste down the toilet. Please put these in the sanitary bags provided in your bathroom and place in the covered bathroom bin for disposal.

If you have any ideas that can help us be 'more green' just let us know

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We are new to 'Going Green' and have applied to be a member of the GTBS (Green Tourism Business Scheme) who are a bit like the AA, they come and advise on best practice and make sure we keep to the rules.

We then have an inspection and ultimately a grading based on how much we have done

It is important to us that we be as green as we can be without compromising the high standards we have set for our Guest House and ultimately your comfort.

We have had to work through quite a long list of criteria for the forthcoming grading. The best bits have been sourcing local products to use and to sell also organising local information on where to go and what to do — it has surprised *us* just how much there is on our doorstep!

We have placed a ladybird refuge and a pollinating bee log in our back yard. We are watching and waiting for residents to move in with anticipation!

Finding products that will help to reduce packaging, be kind to the environment or have been made from 100% recycled material has not been that difficult.

If you would like to do more at home and would like to know how just ask us.

Our main initial motivation to 'Go Green' was to reduce our electricity consumption, we purchased an energy monitor that reads the meters. We would definitely recommend that every home should have one! It is a bit scary at first but it does make you 'switch off'!

Having had our 'Gap Year' on our own narrow boat the canal is very dear to our hearts. We are members of the Lancaster Canal Trust and have volunteered our services to be part of the winter working parties to keep the canal in the best condition.

We also would like to raise as much money as we can to help with the upkeep of the canal

Putting together the fundraising packs for the Lancaster Canal Trust has been fun and we hope that a lot of you will take up the challenge of our 'car free days out'

Our Green Folder is a work in progress, if there is any thing you can think of that can help us do more then please let us know via the customer feed back form

As our guests your input is vital, we know some of you don't really care about 'being green' and some of you care a great deal.

We have to find a balance and not be too full on but be able to do as much as we can.

We really do need your feedback on our green efforts so that we can continually improve what we are doing and also to make sure we are getting the right balance.

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