

# Good Glamping Guide

## Our Green Policy

### BACKGROUND

We have developed our green policy guide us in the impact we have locally, within the community and on a global level.

### WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY

One of our key passions and aims at Brackenhill is maintaining and improving the biodiversity of the site. We manage the land without the use of chemicals. We maintain paths through the site but leave log piles and long grass throughout. We have a Barn Owl box, a Tawny Owl Box, Swift, Swallow and House Martin nest boxes as well as generic nest boxes for Blue Tits, Blackbirds and Robins etc. We maintain an apiary consisting of 5 hives of bees and we have also planted an orchard consisting of a mixture of over 20 fruit trees. We have recently added a small pond.

### SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

We aim to support our guests in choosing sustainable travel options by providing bus and train times. Our local beach and produce guides help guests to make more sustainable choices plus our 'Walks from the Doorstep' guide provide good 'car-free' options.

### WATER AND WASTE

Our site is supplied from mains water. Our grey water is processed on-site and then discharged into the local stream which is a haven for invertebrates, amphibians, birds and plants. The waste treatment plant is tested each year to ensure that the water quality is excellent. We have a commercial waste contract for recyclable material and glass which are collected from site and we also provide on-site composting of organic waste, including dog poo which is 'fed' to the worms in our wormery.

### ENERGY AND WOOD

Our electricity tariff ensures that our energy is from 100% renewable sources. We have fitted low energy light bulbs and provide rechargeable LED lanterns or LED torches for the tents. Our steps are lit by solar lights. Our safari tents are heated with locally sourced wood and kindling .

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## CLEANING AND CHEMICALS

We use Ecover, Method, Bio-D and Fragile Earth cleaning products for our accommodation and recycled toilet paper is provided for our guests. Our wood fired hot tubs are chemical free as they are emptied after each use to comply with regulations.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY

We actively engage with and support our local sustainability group (Greener Ugborough Parish (G-UP)). We are also members of the Ugborough Wildlife Project group on iNaturalist and a Member of Moor Meadows. The Pickstone's are frequently found putting up bunting at community events or hosting wildlife walks and talks at Brackenhill Glamping.

## LOCAL PRODUCE AND OUR PROCUREMENT POLICY

Our free-range hens provide fresh eggs to our guests. We love to support Devon based businesses by stocking their excellent produce in our honesty shop. A copy of our procurement policy and list of suppliers is available in our guest information book.

## CHARITY WORK

Each year we nominate a charity to support. We supported the Arthur Rank Hospice, a charity close to our hearts and this year we have supported the DEC and aim to support the Devon Wildlife Trust.

*Alex and Simon Pickstone 2023*