

OUR GREEN ACTION PLAN

The list below identifies the actions that we plan to put in place to ensure that we are as sustainable and as environmentally friendly as possible.

ACTION	DESCRIPTION/PROGRESS	DATE ACHIEVED
Develop Green Policy	Develop Acorn's Green Policy and display it on our website and Twitter sites alongside our Green Tourism logo.	Completed and on the website
LED Lighting	We have now got 100% LED lights in the office	Completed December 2020
Develop an access statement	Display an access statement on our website and Twitter page for any visitors that have disabilities.	Completed. On our website "Our Office" page
Monitor Energy Use	Monitor total energy use with aim for reduction. Electricity supplier is Good Energy – 100% renewable electricity.	Comparing annual consumption
Carbon Calculator	Look to fill out the Carbon Calculator on the Green Tourism Members area of the website when it's up and running	Pending
Staff/Visitor Travel – Electric car charging point	To look at introduction of electric vehicle charging station on site.	Use of EV charger. Completed – November 2021
Public transport information on website	Website could have clear links to local and national transport providers eg www.traveline.info to allow visitors to make an informed choice of how they arrive.	Completed on our Contact Us page
Social Media linked to Green Tourism	Twitter @GreenTourismUK to find out about Green Tourism news or when tweeting Green Tourism Stories Facebook @Green.Tourism.UK. and tag GTBS into our relevant posts.	Ongoing
Carbon Offsetting Scheme	Looking to support a grass roots carbon offsetting charity to offset our extensive air travel. Will donate monthly to Atmosfair – offsetting airmiles by donating to solar home heating stoves in Lesotho	After calculation carbon will donate so Acorn is carbon neutral

Basin and sink taps	Water Aerator fittings can reduce water flow to 5l per minute per tap. Next time a plumber called to get a quote for fitting	In the process
Phosphate free soaps and detergents for the office	Refillable Eco handwash pumps with Miniml liquid soap - chemical free. In process of swapping to other Miniml products when existing need replacing. https://minimlrefills.co.uk/pages/about-us	Completed 22/11/21
Eco printer paper for use in the printer when not printing out reports.	Existing paper FSC from sustainable forests. The most sustainable carbon free paper is from the Woodland Trust. All made at the same mill where the wood is sourced from and where any CO2 emissions is offset by tree planting by the Woodland Trust charity in the UK. Will order Woodland Trust paper when existing stocks low.	Completed January 2022
Shop locally for eco friendly loo paper, kitchen towels and tissues.	At present using "Who gives a crap" 100% bamboo fibres. Can buy toilet paper, kitchen towels, tissues etc locally instead from local shop "Buy the weigh" to cut down on couriers and support local small businesses	Completed July 2021
Monthly donations to a local conservation organisation.	List of local conservation charities to donate to include Rewilding Britain Knepp Castle Estate in Sussex www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/rewilding-projects/knepp-castle-estate	In the process
Monthly donations to a local environmental organisation	Researching best local environmental charity to donate to	In the process

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