

Sector	Tourism	
Business size	1-9	
Area of green Expertise	Sustainability	
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Short description

Lattice Lodge Guest House is a Four Star Silver Award establishment offering bed and breakfast accommodation. Although in an urban environment, we do our utmost to minimise the impact we have on the planet.

Environmental highlights

Since buying Lattice Lodge in 2008, we have reduced our gas usage by over 40%, mainly through the implementation of wireless heating controls, but also traditional methods such as increased insulation.

We have also switched to a completely local sourcing policy. Even our mattresses are hand made in Ipswich, and our coffee is roasted and ground in Ipswich as well.



Towards the end of 2010, the electricity supply contract which we inherited when we bought the business ended, and we are now on a 100% renewable electricity tariff.

Green credentials

We have recently been upgraded from Silver to Gold of the Suffolk Carbon Charter.

A summary of environmental achievements

Reduced gas usage by over 40%.

100% renewable electricity.

Local sourcing policy (eggs, sausages, bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms, apple juice, jams, sauces).

Local tradesmen always used.

Eco paints - from a local supplier - always used.

Minimal waste created - we have composters, a wormery, a green cone, and bokashi bins. Paper, plastics, card and glass are all recycled (including guest waste).



Key lessons

Plan ahead. All of the heating control technology equipment we have bought will work equally as well when we replace our old, relatively inefficient gas boiler with a new energy source.



The price you pay up front isn't the whole story. Calculate the full life cost of things.

Check out grants, free loans and tax allowances. We haven't used any of these yet, but we hopefully will.

Where did I get my advice

Do your own research.

We are lucky enough to have a very switched on heating engineer with a commercial background, and hence more than comfortable with the heating control technologies we are using.