

# Responsible Visitor Charter

## Be a responsible visitor— things that you can do to help save the planet

1. Conserve energy—Reduce energy by switching off lights and closing windows if the heating is on. The Energy Saving Trust provides information on what you can do at home.
2. Give the Car a Rest—leave the car behind, if only for a day. Walk, cycle or use public transport (ask staff for details)
3. Shop locally—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 & crafts in our region. Please ask a member of staff about local markets or regional organic produce.
4. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle—try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra carrier bag. Try and recycle any waste you have.
5. Be Water Wise—Please use water wisely. Make sure you only fill the kettle with enough water for the required use, invest in a water butt, turn off taps. Please look for other water saving initiatives
6. Respect Nature—Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, guarding against fire and using footpaths and cycle-ways responsibly.
7. Support Green Tourism Businesses—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