



Valley View Barn

Environmental and Sustainability Policy

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Adjacent to and surrounding Valley View Barn, we are blessed with stunning and untouched views of the Peak District and Derbyshire countryside. Nature thrives around Valley View Barn thanks to us preserving the habitats of local wildlife and encourage biodiversity, by ensuring the fields grow naturally to ensure we provide a safe haven for wildlife.

We continuously work hard to protect our acres of land while minimizing our impact on the environment through sustainable action, for example: ensuring we use local produce, tradesman, and companies, conserving the surrounding land, using environmentally friendly cleaning products and saving energy where possible. We welcome our guests to do the same throughout their stay.

Energy Policies at Valley View Barn

- Reducing energy use: the cottage is well-insulated with a boiler less than 10 years old.
- We also provide additional blankets for all guests for use in the winter months.
- Buying Renewable Energy: We buy and use 100% renewable energy at Valley View Barn.
- When a hot tub is delivered from our recommended suppliers, it is powered by electricity and thus by 100% renewable energy.

Accommodation policies at Valley View Barn

- We use low-impact washing powders (Ecover) and cleaning essentials at the property (Method, Ecover, microfibre cloths etc)
- We leave 'unused bed and towel' signs at the property, so we do not need to wash and use energy on linen that has not been used.
- We use LED lightbulbs at the cottage
- We provide additional blankets and heavy duvets for the colder months so the need for additional heating during the night is minimized
- We monitor our electricity and heating consumption and seek to reduce our annual energy use.

- Valley View Barn is a converted barn and specifically repurposed into a holiday let – it is not a second home and there is no planning permission for year-round occupation. So your stay at Valley View Barn boosts the local economy without taking accommodation away from local people

Waste Policies at Valley View Barn

- We always look to repair rather than replace
- We refill any cleaning bottles and soap dispensers in the cottage
- Valley View Barn encourages our guests to join us in recycling paper, glass, cans, plastics, cardboard etc, and composting food waste. In any case, we use a company that sorts through the waste from Valley View Barn; separating recyclables from general waste to ensure nothing has been missed.
- We ask for our guests to turn off lights, appliances and water when they are not in use to avoid wasted energy.
- We ask for our guests to return the temperature back down to 15 degrees when they leave the property to avoid wasted energy

Water policies at Valley View Barn

- We take care with what we put down our drains, using eco-friendly washing up liquid and detergent only
- We check regularly for any leaks in the cottage
- We use water efficient toilets
- We avoid unnecessary watering of plants outside.

Transport Policies at Valley View Barn

- We encourage our guests to use public transport and provide them with information on local bus routes and how to arrive here via train/ bus.
- We encourage our guests to visit local pubs and cafes, attractions and sites, that are within walking distance of the cottage; maps are provided at the property. We also post local events on our social media sites, and local days out on our website.
- We are affiliated with a bike company that can drop off a selection of bikes to our guests for the duration of their stay.
- While we do not provide an EV charger on site – we do recommend local EV charging stations in Fenny Bentley and Ashbourne.

Land Management at Valley View Barn

- Any and all mowing and shaping of the hedges/ surrounding grass is completed by a local company
- We do not touch the field at the front of the cottage, allowing the grass and hedges to grow, and allowing insects to flourish/ allowing animals to shelter and thrive. Once a year the field is tended to by a local farmer, who uses the grass for his livestock.

Sustainable Business Policies at Valley View Barn

- Valley View Barn promotes local food producers and retailers (including a refill station for eco-friendly products, located in Ashbourne). Guests can 'order ahead' before they arrive.
- We purchase locally to minimize environmental damage through road and air miles.
- Should it be unavoidable, we do order in bulk to save on packaging.
- Our office records are kept electronically or on re-used paper and we heat our office with renewable energy. All ink cartridges are recycled.
- We work with local businesses to provide final touches and activities for our guests
- We encourage and promote to our guests the 'Respect, Protect and Enjoy' campaign when discussing the idea of exploring the peak district. We also leave a copy of the Countryside Code at our cottage.
- We have a separate green policy within the Office that details our goals regarding employee education on the green policy, and office standards for green and sustainable practice.

Sustainable Housekeeping

- We refill all cleaning products
- Our housekeeping team car share to ensure only one car is required
- We avoid unnecessary chemical use
- Laundry is washed with a team who have won numerous Environmental awards. They use ecofriendly products on their full washing machine loads, a state-of-the-art low carbon and low water use laundry and use 100% renewable energy.
- We repair textiles instead of replacing and recycle/ reuse them if they are beyond repair.

At Valley View Barn we recognize we can always be doing more. We do welcome suggestions to reduce our impact on the environment further. We commit ourselves to review this policy and continuously improve our sustainable and eco-friendly practices.