

We are reducing our impact on the environment because:

- We offer a designated parking space in our private car park with free EV charging to guests with an electric or hybrid vehicle.
- We offer complimentary luggage storage in advance of check in and after check out for guests travelling to Windermere by train or bus.
- We encourage guests to explore the Lake District on foot and/or by public transport. Our 'Walks from Ivythwaite' information sheets are available in guest rooms and on our website with further maps and guides available on request. We encourage guests to make use of the local Stagecoach bus services, to explore the lakes using the services of Windermere Lake Cruises, Coniston Cruises and Ullswater Steamers, and to experience the Lakeland fells on a Mountain Goat guided tour.
- The produce on our breakfast menu and room hospitality trays is homemade or locally sourced from suppliers in the South Lakes. All our bread and cakes are freshly home baked. We grow some of the fruit, vegetables and herbs that we serve. Our free-range eggs are from Bannerigg Farm, less than 1km from Windermere.
- We are striving to eliminate single use products. The water, milk, cake, jams, honeys and cereals we offer are provided in reusable glass or ceramic containers. We provide hand wash, shower gel/shampoo and moisturiser in refillable dispensers, sourced from a supplier in the nearby Eden Valley.
- We encourage our guests to reuse their bath and hand towels. We monitor our water use carefully. Laundry accounts for 16 % of our water use when using our washing machine's 'eco' setting. All our guest rooms have heated towel rails for drying wet towels. Remember that once you have taken a bath or shower, you are clean!
- We recycle all our waste paper, cardboard, glass and plastic. Our menus and room information are printed on recycled paper. Our waste bin liners are compostable. Our food waste is composted.
- We monitor our energy use carefully to ensure we are efficient in our use. We programme our lighting, heating and hot water using smart sensors and meters. We use LED light bulbs as well as solar and motion sensing outside lighting.
- We encourage guests to charge mobile phones using the USB sockets in the bedside alarm clocks.
- We are working with Cumbria Tourism and Green Tourism to monitor and evaluate our current practices. We have a development plan outlining our green targets and the future actions we need to take to achieve these targets.

We will further reduce our impact on the environment because:

- We have partnered with Ecologi to become a climate positive business. We have carried out a carbon footprint calculation undertaken and a commitment to offset this footprint via donation to Ecologi to undertake forest planting and install renewable power infrastructure.
- We have removed single use plastic water bottles from the Ivythwaite tuck shop and replaced them with reusable, refillable bottles to be used by guests for a donation to FOTLD or Ecologi projects. All the wrappings for take away breakfasts are now 100% recycled paper.

- We will continue to explain the steps we are taking to our guests and encourage them to consider their impact on the environment during their stay.
- We carry out litter picks on a routine basis to ensure our grounds and the surrounding areas are litter free. We participate in 'The Great Cumbrian Litter Pick' as part of a local community group. We plan to share photos of the litter collected with guests at the property and on our websites with strong messages about the impact of litter.
- We ensure that half of the toilet paper that we use is FSC certified toilet paper from responsible sources. We aim to increase this percentage in the future.
- We promote nature spotting. RSPB 'Spot it' sheets are available to download from our websites and laminated copies are available. Binoculars, a mini telescope, torches, blankets and a flask are available in our nature spotting/stargazing kitbag for use by guests.
- We promote stargazing. We have secured 'Dark Sky Friendly Cumbria' accreditation and are listed in Visit Lake District as a stargazing friendly accommodation provider. Stargazing resources and a kitbag are available for guests. There is a stargazing page on our websites containing practical advice and links to a range of resources.
- We have installed a water butt in our recycling/composting area with the water used for garden watering.
- We show our eco credentials and all the green awards/projects that we have undertaken on our websites and marketing platforms. We routinely use all our social media channels to promote our eco credentials, including business carbon offsetting with Ecologi.
- We ensure that a large proportion of our shopping undertaken in Windermere village, often daily, on a small scale and on foot.
- We have transferred our electricity supply to a 100% renewable tariff. We are monitoring our electricity usage and are implementing targets to reduce our electricity use.

Ivythwaite Lodge is dedicated to balancing our commitment to our Green Policy without compromising on the comfort, standards and enjoyment of our guests