



2024 Environmental Policy for Doolin Pantry

As owners operators of Doolin Pantry we are committed to our Environmental Policy and Plan. This plan aims to expand our business without increasing our carbon footprint.

Our Environmental policy is not a marketing tool or something we are not taking seriously. We have always attempted to have it at the centre of our lives and business. We believe that respect for and protection of the environment should be the foundation on which we live and we have tried hard to minimize our impact on the natural world.

Working Together

We collaborate with all stakeholders to collectively develop the Geopark as a sustainable tourism destination.

- ④ We are fully paid up and active members of the Burren Ecotourism Network since 2014
- ④ We make every effort to inform people of what BEN is and how it works to promote sustainable tourism for the Cliffs of Moher Geopark and climate/environmental awareness globally.
- ④ We regularly attend network and Geopark events and training and will continue to do so
- ④ We have adopted and implemented the Geopark Code of Practice for Sustainable Tourism and can provide evidence of same
- ④ We are active members of the Burren Food Trail and Karen has been secretary of the BFT up until 2018. Karen is on the BEN board of Directors since Nov 2018, Chair of the Finance Committee since early 2020 and will be on the board until Nov 2024. We are part of the ConAd sub-group. We take part in many BEN and BFT events during the year.

A cared-for landscape

We actively participate in conserving our natural and cultural heritage.

- ④ Myles and myself have completed the Leave No Trace training and actively explain these principles to visitors
- ④ We display the LNT principles clearly on our web page with a link to LNT Ireland's web page
- ④ We participate in the Burren Food Fayre each October which is part of the BEN conservation and Advocacy initiative and part of the Burren Winterage Festival
- ④ We are part of the Adopt a Hedgerow initiative looking after both the main road and the local back road behind our home, keeping them tidy of rubbish and monitoring for invasive species which we would report to Burren Beo
- ④ We take part in larger rubbish collection initiatives in our local area
- ④ We try to take part in at least one Burren Beo project each year

A well-understood heritage

We offer quality information and interpretation to communicate our stories and the unique character of our place to guests.

- ② We have attended Network and Geopark training in the past and would like to attend more
- ② We have several links on our web page leading visitors to the Geopark and Burren National Park web sites

Vibrant Communities

We work to ensure that tourism makes a positive social contribution so that it benefits our community as well as our guests.

- ② We are active members of Doolin Tourism and sit on the steering group as secretary. DT is a community group with a strong marketing membership. We deal with tourism promotion for Doolin however we also represent the greater Doolin Community when fighting for community issues and infrastructure development, sustainably tourism practices and social issues.
- ② We support Doolin Tidy Towns both with donations and sponsorship and also by physically helping them when possible.
- ② Karen is on both BEN and Doolin Tourism sub-committees who are responding to the Cliffs of Moher 2040 Strategic Plan in an attempt to balance tourism development with the host communities quality of life and establishing a realistic plan which works, in a sustainable way, for all stakeholders

Strengthened Livelihoods

We contribute to the local economy by sourcing services and produce locally wherever possible, and by engaging with other businesses in promoting our region as a sustainable tourism destination.

- ② We buy all of our ingredients from local suppliers to help support local jobs and cut down on food miles. We will be looking at increasing the use of local produce.
- ② We regularly promote other local businesses and events on social media and try to encourage people to stay in the area for longer #stayanothernight

Sustainable tourism management

We work to an Environmental Action Plan, which includes actions and targets for improvement that are reviewed bi-annually. We have effective systems for monitoring and adequately managing our, energy, travel impact and purchases.

- ② We buy much of our ingredients from local suppliers to help support local jobs and cut down on food miles.
- ② We have installed solar panels in Nov 2023.
- ② We only install (where possible) A rated equipment and appliances.
- ② We use (where possible) environmentally friendly light bulbs.
- ② We carefully monitor our energy and water consumption, keeping track of the usage with a view to reducing our consumption year on year.
- ② We have an Environmental Action Plan
- ② **We are very proud of our achievements to date and enthusiastic about our future endeavours towards a cleaner greener business!**