

ACRE & SHELTER

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Acre & Shelter is committed to promoting sustainable tourism and protecting and enhancing our natural home to minimise our impact on the environment, wildlife and local communities. We acknowledge and aspire to the facets laid out by the following trade marks;

- Green Tourism
- North Yorkshire Moors National Park – Tourism Network
- Recreate Responsibly
- Leave No Trace

We take a balanced approach to sustainability. From the impact of our sites activities on our immediate surroundings and the environment at large through to the wellbeing of people and the local economy. Our aim is to minimise any negative impact as well as to bring positive, dynamic change through our actions.

To help us to constantly grow and improve our performance in this area, we have detailed our sustainable priorities which are reviewed and adapted regularly. We seek to minimise our impact on the environment in the following ways:

SAVE ENERGY

- Our glamp site is completely off grid so all site lights are powered by solar panels and rechargeable batteries.
- We use LED lights battery powered lights in the tents which use a tiny amount of energy compared to conventional light bulbs and last 50 times longer
- Our shower is operated by a solar panel running to a rechargeable battery
- Our fencing is powered by solar units

- We minimise our waste and energy consumption wherever possible maintaining our facilities to the highest of standards and ensuring old equipment is replaced with energy efficient alternatives
- We use LED or higher efficiency light bulbs throughout the accommodation without compromising the quality of lighting
- Fire wood / Logs are sourced from our farm sustainably to keep our carbon footprint to a minimum

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

- We promote the benefits of car-free travel for guests visiting our site including public transport and sustainable options such as horse riding, walking or cycling
- We have maps and information on local hacks and walks available for our guests to borrow during their stay to reduce travel
- We promote tips to guests on how to travel sustainably <https://sustainabletravel.org/top-10-tips-for-sustainable-travel/>
- We ask guests to avoid bringing single use plastics to the site
- We support Recreate Responsibility values <https://www.recreateresponsibly.org/>

BUY LOCAL

- We partner with local contractors wherever possible and promoting local businesses for our experiences and catering
- Our high quality linen is professionally cleaned nearby making use of the services available in our local area as well as reducing the impact of long distance transport
- For our breakfasts and BBQ boxes we choose meat reared to high welfare standards from a well-known local butcher
- We buy responsibly choosing items that will last a long time. For example for our yurts we have chosen Dandy Dura- a flooring that will last years as it's durable and can be washed. Our yurts and bell tents are made from high quality canvas which is built to last

PROTECT NATURE

- We aim to improve existing habitats for wildlife, including bees, insects and birds by leaving certain parts of our glamping paddock wild and untouched
- We've planted wild flowers on the banks of our glamp paddock to promote birds and bees in the pasture

- We try to minimise light pollution in the glamping paddock and village – after all we are a hotspot for Dark Night Skies!
- We promote the use of eco-friendly materials and cleaning products and request our guests only use our products onsite unless they bring natural products
- We encourage guests to learn more about the natural environment and ‘greener ways of living’ during their stay
- We use and make our own compost by decomposing horse manure and using it on our property
- We use waterless loos as part of our toileting system which doesn’t use water and the waste is composted after
- We encourage guests to leave single use plastics or plastic bags at home

SAVE WATER

- We try to avoid the use of plastic bottles. Where possible we encourage our guests to use the mains water refillable containers provided in accommodation
- We collect the rainwater from all our roofs in the yard in butts for livestock
- We also provide glamping guests with a 15 litre canister of drinking water at the start of their stay. Refills requested as they wish so they don’t need to bring drinking water
- We suggest that the house toilet is flushed only when absolutely necessary, especially when cleaning

LEAVE NO TRACE

- We aim to promote the Leave no Trace campaign to influence our customers <https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>
- Recycle, reclaim and reuse - Where possible we will follow the 3R's and encourage our customer's to do the same.
- We promote the reduction and reuse of materials and encouraging our guests to recycle
- Removing the use of single use packaging or plastics, encouraging our customers to use our drinking water points
- By recycling as much as we can- we recycle newspaper, magazines, plastic, glass and cans.
- We reduce all food waste and recycle the small amount that we produce- our chickens, sheep and dogs will take care of most of it!
- We recognise that waste is one of our largest environmental impacts and we are always thinking of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle whilst maintaining high

standards of quality. We have mixed recycling containers on the yard and on the glampsite for plastic bottles, paper and cans, as well as separate glass recycling

- Many of the items on site are reused or have been upcycled and we try to source as much as we can second hand before buying anything new
- We will find other uses for equipment no longer needed which avoids items ending up in landfill