

Mousley House Farm Campsite Sustainability Policy

Mousley House Farm Campsite Ltd (MHF) recognises that businesses can have a negative impact on the environment. We are committed to and enjoy finding new ways in which we can reduce the impact of our business on the environment and identify why camping is a more sustainable pass time than many other forms of holiday.

It is our policy to:

- Recycle as much waste material as possible, for example, our recycle bins accept all paper, glass, cardboard and metals.
- Avoid the use of paper wherever possible all our receipts and booking confirmations are sent electronically.
- Recycling equipment that is no longer of use to the company. For example, giving away items such as computers and printers that we no longer use.
- Keep energy usage low. For example, we use low wattage electric and gas showers, we make use of low energy light bulbs and ensure the majority of lighting is either on a PIR system or solar.
- Reuse wastepaper (from the printer) where possible, making use of the blank side for notes etc.
- Purchase products made with recycled paper for example, toilet paper and our pizza boxes.
- Purchase products with a low environmental impact for example the glasses in the bar are made from Corn Starch. Corn starch plastic products look and feel just like regular plastic, but they are 100% biodegradable and compostable. Corn starch products are preferable mainly because: They are made from a renewable plant material. We also use recycled reusable tumbler and champagne glasses.
- Avoid unnecessary travel by making use of instant messaging, video and audio conferencing, telephone and email.
- Incorporate a wastewater treatment plant. We use a sustainable eco-friendly method of wastewater treatment. Biological treatment is a natural process triggered by the use of microorganisms. Natural cleaning of water has been used to clean water since the 19th century and is one of the most sustainable methods of wastewater treatment.
- We only use Fire logs in the glamping log burners, they are 100% clean and smokeless, with no chemicals or additives.
- We use water saving taps in the bathroom sinks.
- The majority of the campsite is grassed rather than concrete, grass stores carbon in the roots which is then passed into the soil. Green spaces can play a big role in modifying temperatures and controlling climate.
- Where possible the produce we use are sourced locally. Eg the beer and cider is from a small family brewery less than five miles away.
- Staycations rather than holidays abroad help reduce your carbon footprint, we actively encourage people to walk or cycle where possible.

New projects for 2023

- Due to the huge rise in energy costs and the negative impact of fossil fuels on the environment we are in the process of fitting Solar PV panels. Solar panels are a clean and green source of energy, a smaller carbon footprint and a better future for us all. We hoping to fit solar PV panels to the site in Autumn 2023
- We are planting new hedgerows around the campsite and farm. This will replace some of the post and rail fencing which is traditionally used, reducing the need for trees to be felled and machined. It will offer a natural habitat for wildlife, insects and birds to live in, but also offers a food source for many species. Adding more trees and hedgerow plants also helps reduce and trap carbon whilst complimenting the natural beauty of the area.