

Height Top Farm: Self Catering

Case Study Year: 2011

Business Details



Height Top Farm

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Business Description



Height Top Farm Holiday Cottages are set in beautiful open countryside close to Pendle Hill in Lancashire and in the Forest of Bowland AONB. Steeped in centuries old heritage and legendary folklore this area offers many attractions to suit your interests. The original farmhouse has been sympathetically restored and divided into two individual cottages. If you enjoy walking it is an ideal place to stay with many local walks including a door-to-door figure of 8 walk that will show you the best of Sabden Valley.

Green Statement

// Here at Height Top Farm, we are committed to providing a good quality service whilst minimising the environmental impact of our activities. A symbol of this commitment is our membership of the Green Tourism Business Scheme and our Gold Award. By encouraging sustainable practices the scheme ensures the continued enjoyment of the environment around us for future generations. //

What's Green about Height Top Farm:

Height Top Farm is an excellent example of a small tourism business which is committed to improving its environmental footprint. Some of the main steps Height Top Farm have taken to reduce their impact have been making sure existing hedgerows are managed to encourage nesting birds, small animals and wild flowers, and encouraging sustainable activities by providing information on walking and cycling in Pendle and the Forest of Bowland. When produce is available guests are free to make use of fruit and vegetables grown in their garden.

Actions



- Introduced several bird and bat boxes on buildings around the farm to encourage wildlife
- Their wildlife blog along with blogs from other GTBS members forms part of a wildlife visitor information website for the area
- Have a high efficiency boiler, good insulation and double glazed units throughout the cottages
- They recycle glass, plastic, tin and paper and vegetable waste is composted in the garden and they encourage their guests to get involved
- Promote and utilise local produce and supplies
- When home grown produce is available guests are free to make use of the fruit and vegetables
- Produce traditional hay bales allowing them to use smaller machinery with less detrimental impact on the land and farm rare breed Dexter cattle
- Utilise waste paper by pressing the paper to produce briquettes which can be used to light the fires
- Encourage their guests to partake in walking and cycling from the cottages and actively promote monthly walks produced by the Forest of Bowland
- Created a specific walk to link their business with another GTBS accredited business along the valley

Impact



Economic

- Energy and saving measures such as a high efficiency boiler, insulation and double glazing will in turn provide cost savings to the business



Environmental

- Recycling and re-using in all aspects of the business, resulting in significantly less waste going to landfill
- Encouraging walking, cycling and other outdoor activities in the local area reduces the use of the car and carbon emissions
- Protection of local environment and encouragement of wildlife through sensitive land management



Social

- Local economy supported by providing details of local produce, farmers' markets, restaurants and other outlets and also utilising these products and services

Links



Energy Saving Trust
Forest of Bowland AONB
Lancashire Green Tourism project
Lancashire Wildlife
RSPB
Sustainable Tourism Business Network

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
www.forestofbowland.com
www.lancashiregreentourism.com
www.lancashirewildlife.org.uk
www.rspb.org.uk
www.bowlandexperience.com

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If you want to find out more about the Lancashire Green Tourism Project or the Green Tourism Business Scheme contact hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk

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