

The New Forest NPA Green Leaf Sustainable Business Award

Cottage Lodge

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The Cottage Lodge is a 5 star Bed and Breakfast establishment in Brockenhurst.

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The premises have recently undergone significant improvements including the addition of 4 new rooms. Sustainability has been at the centre of this project, sourcing eco friendly materials at every opportunity although this mirrors what is being done throughout the business.

Within the business initiatives include a meter to monitor for water leaks which is checked each day; all toilets being low flow; all taps being turned to a moderate flow; low energy light bulbs throughout; low energy TVs throughout; new rooms having bikes which guests can cycle to produce own energy; solar panels heat water; photovoltaic cells being installed Feb 2012 and a wood burning stove with water boiler to heat water.



Whilst many of the green initiatives have been directly implemented by the business, guests are also encouraged to do their bit during their stay. For example a free afternoon tea is provided for customers coming by train and a series of walks from the establishment have been designed to encourage customers to leave cars in the car park. The New Forest Tour Bus is also promoted to all guests in their arrival pack which includes a list of local restaurants, cafes and pubs.

Other local businesses are also supported at every opportunity. The ingredients for the breakfast are all locally sourced, furniture from a local craftsman has been installed throughout and local builders and architects have been used during the recent refurbishments.

