

## The New Forest Produce Ltd Award for Best Use of Local Resources

# Cottage Lodge

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The Cottage Lodge is a five star, 12 room bed and breakfast establishment located in Brockenhurst.



Christina takes every opportunity to source local products in all aspects of the business. This includes soap, water, beer, wine, jam and breakfast food. In addition, the Cottage Lodge endeavour to employ people from the local area; builders, electricians, plumbers, gardeners and window cleaners are all from the New Forest and surrounding area.

The message of sustainability and sourcing local produce is communicated clearly to all guests. A New Forest Marque map is displayed in the dining room showing where all produce comes from within the local area. Having sampled the local produce during their stay, guests are signposted to nearby providers including Owls Barn and Setley Ridge to stock up before they return home. In addition, guests staying at the Cottage Lodge are always encouraged to make use of the local restaurants in Brockenhurst. Having sampled the local food, guests then write a short review in the book provided.



In order to reduce the impact car users have on the forest's natural environment, Christina promotes alternative modes of transport. Guests are encouraged to leave their cars and explore the local area by bicycle, on foot or by public transport. This contributed towards the Cottage Lodge being awarded Gold in the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

There is a strong belief held by Christina and her staff that money spent within and returned to the local economy ensures a healthy, sustainable and thriving area.

