



Hillyard House Hotel Sustainability & Green Policy Statement

At Hillyard House Hotel in Castlewellan, we are committed to making a positive impact on the environment and the community we serve. We recognise the importance of sustainability and are dedicated to achieving the internationally recognised Bronze accreditation by Green Tourism in the short term, with our sights set on the prestigious Gold accreditation in the longer term.

Our Vision: We envision a future where hospitality and environmental consciousness coexist harmoniously, where every guest can enjoy the natural beauty of Castlewellan in County Down while knowing that their stay or visit to our hotel, restaurant or bar leaves a minimal carbon footprint on our planet.

Our Commitment: Hillyard House Hotel is dedicated to:

- 1. Conserving Natural Resources:** We actively reduce energy consumption, minimize water usage, and employ sustainable waste management practices throughout our operations.
- 2. Local Community Engagement:** We prioritise partnerships with local businesses and artisans, contributing to the economic growth of the Mourne region and supporting our neighbours.
- 3. Eco-Friendly Transportation:** We encourage guests and staff to use environmentally friendly transportation options and hope to offer a charging station for electric vehicles in the near future.
- 4. Sustainable Dining at The Yard Restaurant:** The Yard Restaurant is committed to serving locally sourced, seasonal, and organic produce, growing our own where we can, reducing food waste, and providing vegetarian and vegan options to minimise our carbon footprint.
- 5. Responsible Sourcing:** We strive to use eco-friendly and ethically sourced products across all aspects of our hotel, from our linens to the cleaning supplies used in Mrs. Coleman's Bar and the Yard Restaurant.
- 6. Reducing, Reusing, Recycling:** We actively promote the three R's in all areas of our hospitality business, from using recycled materials in our decor to providing recycling bins for our guests. We have also stopped single use plastic in our restaurant and bar by providing fresh locally sourced water instead.
- 7. Education & Training:** We ensure that our staff is well-informed about sustainable practices and encourage them to share this knowledge with our guests.
- 8. Carbon Footprint Reduction:** We are dedicated to reducing our carbon emissions and continually seek ways to lower our impact on the environment through all aspects of our operations.

Your Role: As our valued guest, you can contribute to our sustainability efforts:

- ✓ **Energy and Water Conservation:** Please help us conserve energy and water by turning off lights, electronics, and faucets when not in use.
- ✓ **Waste Reduction:** Join us in our efforts to reduce waste by participating in our recycling program and reusing towels when possible.
- ✓ **Sustainable Dining:** Choose to dine in The Yard Restaurant or Mrs Coleman's Bar and support our locally sourced and sustainable menu.
- ✓ **Respect for Nature:** Enjoy the natural beauty of Castlewellan and the wider Mourne area responsibly by adhering to local environmental guidelines.

By choosing Hillyard House Hotel, you are supporting our mission to achieve Bronze and, eventually, Gold accreditation by Green Tourism. We are excited about this journey towards sustainability, and we invite you to be a part of it. Together, we can make a difference and ensure a greener, brighter future for Castlewellan and the world.

Thank you for choosing Hillyard House Hotel.

Chris Lockhart
General Manager

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