

## **Environmental policy tab:**

The Cotswold landscape is stunning and fragile and like environments all over the world it is under threat from ordinary people – like you and me!

We all know that the big issue right now is global warming – and that's all about energy use. Energy is incredible! It lights and entertains us, and keeps us warm and comfortable. But in the process of burning energy we release CO<sup>2</sup> into the atmosphere.

At The Vines we are doing lots of things to keep our environment safe. We are proud to be a family business, and we are passionate about making sure this beautiful place is here for all to enjoy, for generations to come.

The Vines recognises its responsibility to respect the environment and will strive to achieve environmental best practice throughout our business activity:

- We believe that everyone has a duty of care to the environment and to natural resources.
- We aim to minimise the adverse environmental impacts associated with effluent discharge, land use, emissions to air and waste generation through using environmental products Methods include:  
  
fitting showers in preference to baths, recycling water through a biodigester system, fitting energy efficient lighting and systems.
- We will comply with all relevant legislation concerning the environment and will actively co-operate with the authorities on environmental protection matters.
- We will conduct regular reviews and assess our performance.
- Our customers and guests will be made aware of our initiatives and we will encourage them to help us achieve our environmental goals by conserving energy, using temperature controls in the rooms and reducing wastage by turning off TV's and lighting.
- We seek to conserve natural resources by ensuring the responsible use of energy, water and materials by the continual implementation of the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and still provide the quality expected by our customers.
- Our employees will be provided with the information, instruction and training necessary to fulfill the requirements of the policy.
- We will continue to implement a policy whereby environmental considerations are integrated into purchasing requirements.
- Any new developments will be evaluated prior to approval to assess their likely environmental impacts, in particular drainage issues and impact on the landscape.