



Sustainability and Caring for the Environment

At Newton House we do what we can to care for the environment within the confines of a 300-year-old Grade II Listed property.

Food & Drink - we support edible biodiversity by using small scale local producers that helps to keep expert knowledge and cultural traditions. We support the Slow Food Movement and their 'Ark of Taste'. All our meat is from free-range, and rare breed, pigs. Our milk and butter is organic and delivered each week by the farmer. Our breakfasts are cooked to order so we have very little waste.

Toiletries - we use Arran Aromatics toiletries, made from the highest quality ingredients, prepared to the highest standards and produced with very low impact on the natural environment. Bottles are recyclable, and cartons are sourced from sustainable, managed forests. Arran Aromatics products are not tested on animals and no animal ingredients are used (*except bee products taken from the honeycomb (honey and beeswax)*).

Pure, a bright and fresh fragrance, is a blend of environmentally-friendly essential oils: lemon, mineral-rich seaweed extract, and moisturising oils to give a stress relieving experience.

Bottled Water – we have recently installed the Vivreau system for filtering and carbonating our own 'Yorkshire Water'.

Laundry - we use a commercial, Yorkshire-based, laundry. In-house we use Ecover products, and we use a drying rack at the back of the Aga instead of a tumble dryer.

Cleaning – we use Eco products, and also a steam cleaner which cuts down the use of chemicals.

Lighting – we use low-energy light bulbs wherever practical.

Heating – we have a combination of gas central heating, and wall-mounted electric convector heaters. They all have thermostats fitted for individual control. We are currently investigating the possibilities of a Bio-Mass Boiler.

Knaresborough – we encourage our guests to support local businesses and restaurants.

Public Transport – Knaresborough has an excellent bus and train service and we encourage our guests to travel round by public transport. And point out how easy it is to reach Knaresborough by public transport.

Recycling – We have recently switched our refuse collection from Harrogate Borough Council to Biffa. Biffa offer a great recycling service (we recycle as much as possible including: paper, cardboard, cans, plastic bottles, plastic containers, and glass), and boast zero of their waste going to landfill.

Gardening for Wildlife – we garden for wildlife in our small courtyard garden, and have a section of bird feeders and insect and butterfly 'Hibernation Hotels'. We support the RSPB's initiative 'Give Nature a Home'.