



OSPREY HOTEL

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY



At The Osprey Hotel, our commitment to sustainability is at the heart of everything we do. We recognize the importance of preserving our environment for future generations and are dedicated to implementing eco-friendly practices across all aspects of our operations.

We are proud to have achieved a Silver Green Tourism Award, a testament to our ongoing efforts to reduce our environmental impact and promote sustainable tourism. This award reflects our dedication to energy efficiency, waste reduction, responsible sourcing, and community engagement.

Our sustainability initiatives are guided by three core principles:

1. People: Supporting our team, guests, and community through ethical practices and engagement.
2. Place: Preserving the natural beauty and cultural heritage of our surroundings.
3. Planet: Minimizing our environmental footprint through sustainable resource management.

This policy outlines our goals, initiatives, and commitments as we strive for continuous improvement in sustainability. We invite you to join us on this journey towards a greener, more sustainable future.

Osprey Hotel Sustainability Policy: Achievements, Ongoing Efforts, and Future Plans

Our Journey to Sustainability at The Osprey Hotel

At The Osprey Hotel, we take great pride in our commitment to sustainability, which has been recognized with the prestigious **Silver Green Tourism Award**. This achievement is the result of our continuous efforts to implement sustainable practices across all areas of our operations. Here's an overview of what we've done to reach this milestone and the ongoing initiatives we are pursuing to further our sustainability goals.

Achievements to Date:

- **Energy Efficiency:** We've invested in energy-efficient systems, including LED lighting throughout the hotel and smart thermostats to optimize energy use. Regular energy audits help us identify areas for further improvement. We have also installed sensor lights in all back of house areas
- **Waste Reduction:** We have implemented comprehensive recycling programs, reducing waste sent to landfill. Single-use plastics have been minimized, with eco-friendly alternatives used wherever possible. We have filtered water fill stations for our staff and use glass water bottles and glasses in our bedrooms and meeting rooms. We also offer all of our meetings the option to go paperless.
- **Sustainable Sourcing:** We prioritize purchasing from local suppliers and use Fair Trade and organic products where possible. Our restaurant menus feature locally sourced ingredients, reducing our carbon footprint and supporting local farmers.
- **Community Engagement:** We actively participate in community initiatives, supporting local charities and environmental projects. We participate in a monthly litter pick with Kildare County Council, have regular coffee mornings for various charities including Beyond the Moon, Breast Cancer Ireland and Saint Bridget's Hospice

Ongoing Initiatives:

- **Renewable Energy:** We are exploring options for increasing our use of renewable energy sources, including the potential installation of solar panels.
- **Biodiversity Enhancement:** We have installed a number of bug hotels around the hotel and have also been leaving some wild, native plant areas for pollinators
- **Carbon Footprint Reduction:** We continue to work on reducing our carbon footprint through efficient energy use, waste minimization, and promoting sustainable transport options for both staff and guests.
- **Guest Involvement:** We encourage our guests to participate in our sustainability efforts by offering incentives for eco-friendly choices, such as reusing towels and participating in our recycling program.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Sustainability is an ongoing journey. We regularly review and update our policies and practices to ensure we are always moving forward in our efforts to protect the environment and support our community.

Future Plans:

- **Achieving Gold Green Tourism Award:** Our goal is to advance from Silver to Gold in the Green Tourism Award by expanding our sustainability practices, increasing renewable energy use, and further reducing our environmental impact.
- **Sustainable Building Practices:** As we plan for future renovations and expansions, sustainable building practices will be at the forefront, with considerations for energy-efficient materials, green roofs, and more.
- **Eco-Friendly Transportation:** We plan to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to encourage eco-friendly travel among our guests and staff. Additionally, we will continue to advocate for and provide information on public transportation options.
- **Sustainable Events:** We are developing guidelines for hosting sustainable events, ensuring that all meetings, conferences, and celebrations held at our hotel align with our environmental values.

The Silver Green Tourism Award is just one step on our path to greater sustainability. We remain committed to making continuous improvements, with the ultimate goal of achieving even higher levels of environmental responsibility and care.