

## **Swallow's Nest Sustainability Policy**

### **Aims**

At Swallow's Nest, we aim to minimise our impact on the environment. We are keen to encourage biodiversity and promote sustainable living.

### **Accommodation**

Both The Cart Shed and The Woodland Hut have been built using sustainable materials, building techniques and local crafts people. We will continue to follow this practice with all future repairs and developments.

### **Travel**

We aim to minimise emissions of carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases. Whilst recognising that, given our location, most guests will arrive by car, we will encourage alternative means of transport. We will provide information about train and bus services, local bike hire and things to do without the car. We will continue to develop activities for guests on site and suitable storage for bikes and walking gear.

### **Energy**

Care has been taken to maximise energy efficiency. We will ensure that efficiency is maintained and that appliances are serviced and work effectively. In the future, we hope to install photovoltaic and solar thermal panels.

### **Waste**

We minimise our waste by reducing, reusing and recycling. We encourage our guests to do the same by providing information and appropriate facilities for the recycling and composting of waste.

### **Biodiversity**

We aim to encourage biodiversity by developing natural habitats, planting and maintaining natural species of trees and plants and managing our woodland. We will continue to work with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the RSPB to increase our knowledge and understanding and will seek their advice and support when necessary. Information about wildlife in the area and places to visit locally will continue to be made readily available to visitors.

### **Products and services**

We are committed to providing good quality sustainable products and services. Guests will be given an unlimited supply of locally sourced firewood and charcoal, and plenty of free range, organic eggs from our hens. The Cart Shed and The Woodland Hut are equipped with eco friendly cleaning and washing products, which have been bought in bulk from a local supplier. Our complimentary skincare products are completely natural, produced without the use of pesticides and are not tested on animals. Guests will receive a welcome hamper of locally sourced goods. If we are unable to find resources locally, we will purchase Fair Trade.

We will ensure that we comply with all relevant environmental legislation and will review this policy annually.