



Environmental Policy Statement

'Here at Lady Gregory Hotel, Leisure Club & Beauty Rooms, we are truly committed to working towards becoming a green hotel by playing our part in achieving environmentally friendly surroundings for all of our staff and guests'

Working Together

We collaborate with all stakeholders to collectively develop the Geopark as a sustainable tourism destination. We attend as many training and networking events as possible throughout the year, we participating as actively as we can with subgroups formed from Burren Eco Tourism Network, and we enthusiastically avail of all opportunities presented in the form of training and courses that help us all collectively achieve our goals.

A cared-for landscape

We actively participate in conserving our natural and cultural heritage through the promotion of the principle of Leave No Trace.

A well-understood heritage

We offer quality information and interpretation to communicate our stories and the unique character of our place to guests. We achieve this through information on our region being readily available on our website so future guests are aware of the wealth of heritage they can enjoy in our region. Guests once they are at the property have access to the local knowledge of our staff as well as a well-stocked Burren.ie information stand

Vibrant Communities

We work to ensure that tourism makes a positive social contribution so that it benefits our community as well as our guests. This involves actively support local groups such as our recent sponsorship and host of the Vicki Phelan Campaign and Portrait Tour for Gort Cancer Support who deliver vital services to clients in the South Galway & North Clare regions.

Strengthened Livelihoods

We contribute to the local economy by maintaining and supporting local employment, by sourcing services and produce locally wherever possible, and by engaging with other businesses in promoting our region as a sustainable tourism destination.

Sustainable tourism management

We work to an Environmental Action Plan, which includes actions and targets for improvement that are reviewed annually. We have effective systems for monitoring and adequately managing our waste, water, wastewater, energy, travel impact and purchases.

Initiatives already Undertaken by the Hotel Include:

- Utilising E-invoices and online communications where possible to reduce paper consumption
- Having motion activated lighting in our public toilets and in a back of house staff areas to reduce energy consumption
- Segregation of waste throughout the hotel to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill
- Reducing, reusing, and recycling the resources consumed by our business wherever practical
- Servicing and reviewing our major plant equipment on a regular basis which included a complete upgrade in 2023 of our pool heating system
- Bulk purchasing is used where possible to reduce packaging and transport costs
- Where possible we purchase our meat, fish, and vegetable locally

Initiatives Currently Underway:

- Installation of a roof mounted solar system to provide energy for the hotel.
- Removal of all single use plastics to include mini shampoo, shower gels etc.

'We aim to achieve a reduction in our carbon footprint without affecting our guest's comfort or efficiencies of our business by taking relevant steps to improve our energy consumption, minimise waste and reduce water consumption where possible in a sustainable manner. Membership of B.E.N. and the assistance and guidance they and the network they give access to provide is a vital link in us achieving our goals'