

**Glencoldon Cottage**  
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## SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

*Glencoldon Cottage* provides self-catering accommodation within the Cairngorm National Park. In addition to ensuring that visitors have the most enjoyable and memorable visit possible, the owners believe that, in an area of such outstanding natural beauty, it is essential to achieve this whilst also delivering environmental, social and community benefit. To this end, the business is set up as a social enterprise to operate to sustainability best practice wherever practicable.

We recognise that many of the activities we undertake to prepare or run the accommodation have a range of potential impacts on the environment, and may have local economy and community implications. We therefore understand our responsibilities in delivering positive outcomes in these areas, and are committed to the continual improvement of performance. This performance will be reviewed on an annual basis and will be supported by an ongoing programme for improvement.

In operation, we will:

- Meet and exceed, where practicable, all requirements of applicable environmental legislation
- Reduce environmental impact and carbon footprint across all activities, from marketing and travel, through to the provision of heating, lighting, towels, linen, consumables, etc.
- Eliminate or reduce, where practicable, waste from operations (eg. procurement of consumables, paper-free operation where possible)
- Procure the most sustainable products available from consumables to materials used for renovation or construction work, minimising the use of hazardous and toxic substances (eliminating wherever possible), including consideration of ethical, fair-trade and other social / community factors
- Favour partners committed to environmental improvement and work with them to deliver best practice
- Endeavour to optimise community benefit and inclusion through active involvement ourselves, and by actively highlighting opportunities to guests.

In communication with guests, we will:

- Encourage use of most resource efficient options (eg. in energy, water, raw materials / consumables, etc.), and waste reduction, reuse and recycling options for unavoidable waste
- Highlight more sustainable activities, locations and enterprises in promoting the range of visitor attractions in the local area, including those easily accessed by walking, cycling or public transport
- Provide information on more sustainable travel options to Glencoldon Cottage, and transport options once on holiday in the area
- Promote sustainable local produce, cultural events, artistic talent and wildlife / biodiversity conservation initiatives, including opportunities for visitor involvement if desired.

This policy shall be communicated to all partners, and made available to guests and the public.



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