

**Glencoldon Cottage**  
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## SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

*Glencoldon Cottage* provides self-catering accommodation within the Cairngorm National Park. In addition to ensuring that guests have the most enjoyable and memorable visit possible, we believe that, in an area of such outstanding natural beauty, we must achieve this whilst also delivering environmental, social and community benefit. To this end, the business is set up as a social enterprise to strive for sustainable tourism best practice.

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 reported annually (Jan-Feb) and will be supported by an ongoing programme for improvement.

### **In operation, we will:**

- Reduce our carbon footprint, and emissions we are responsible for, in line with what the science / Paris Agreement dictates; ensuring all activities and emissions (Scope 1, 2 + 3) are accounted for, including from our guest travel to the provision of heating, lighting, clean laundry, etc. (see Net-Zero targets below)
- Exceed all requirements of applicable environmental legislation
- Procure the most sustainable products available, from “consumables” to those used for maintenance or renovation work; eg. eliminating hazardous substances, considering ethical, fair-trade and social factors
- Eliminate or reduce waste from operations and procurement of consumables
- Favour partners committed to environmental improvement and work with them to deliver best practice
- Endeavour to optimise community benefit and inclusion through active participation and promotion.

### **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.

### **Global “Net-Zero” (50% ▼ by 2030) Targets**

In 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) confirmed that in order to limit global warming to 1.5°C, the world needs to halve CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by around 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050. Scotland’s targets are tighter (75% ▼ by 2030, Net-Zero by 2045). So, against our 2017 baseline, we commit to:

- 50% reduction in Scope 1+2 emissions by or before 2025
- 75% reduction in Scope 1+2+3 emissions by or before 2027
- “Net-Zero” emissions by 2030.

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



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