



## BEST WESTERN FOREST AND VALE GREEN POLICY

At the Best Western Forest and Vale Hotel we believe we must try to do everything possible to reduce the negative impact we have on the environment. We are committed to providing a good high quality service and we genuinely care about our local area and environment.

A symbol of this commitment is our continuing membership of the Green Tourism Business Scheme. This scheme provides accreditation and encouragement for tourism businesses to reduce their environmental impact and manage resources more efficiently.

### Some of the steps we are currently adopting

*Training and encouraging employees to value and participate in sustainable business practices*

*Seeking methods of reducing energy and water consumption and controlling heat, light and power*

*Minimising, re using or recycling waste wherever possible*

*Reviewing our purchasing policy*

*Encouraging, informing and assisting visitors reduce their impact on the environment*

*Working with the local community and supporting local charities and organisations*

There are small simple changes we can all adopt

### Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

You can help us by refusing packaging and bags you don't need. We have facilities for recycling paper, plastic glass, printer cartridges and batteries - just ask the staff.

### Give the car a rest

Walking and cycling are great ways to see the area without adding to the traffic.

We have a good public transport system to Whitby, York, Scarborough and Thirsk. Information is available at reception together with details of local walks.

### Eat Local, buy local and see local

Yorkshire has a wonderful reputation for high quality local produce- visit our Farmers Markets, Farm Shops, village stores and support our local economy. Ask the staff for the best places to visit in the area.

### Switch off and save water

Please switch off lights and standby buttons when you don't need them. Close windows when the heating is on or turn down your radiators as necessary. Help us reduce water consumption by using just the water you need.

### Respect our area

Help us look after the wonderful area of the North Yorkshire Moors and the East Coast for others to enjoy in future years.

*If you feel we should be doing more then please let us know your thoughts and suggestions.*