

SOPWELL house

IMPACT REPORT 2025



ESG IMPACTS

Sopwell House is committed to achieving best practice environmental and social sustainability

The team at Sopwell House have partnered with Earth Check, a global leader in sustainable tourism, to prioritises environmental and social responsibility. The current focus is to actively reduce environmental impact through initiatives around energy and water efficiency, waste reduction, and sustainable sourcing of local, Fair-Trade products. A dedicated Sustainability Officer leads efforts to comply with international best practices, guided by annual benchmarking. Our staff are empowered through training to support sustainability goals and collaborate with key stakeholders to integrate ecofriendly practices across operations.

The team continually strives towards minimising the hotel's overall footprint on the environment by implementing sustainable initiatives aimed at improving the hotel's performance, reducing the use of energy and water and minimising the production of waste.

Sopwell House will comply with all relevant legislation and regulations, and aims to achieve international best practice. We have appointed a team of dedicated individuals, headed up by a newly appointed Sustainability Officer who collectively have the responsibility for improving the Hotel's sustainable performance.



OUR GROUNDS

A BEAUTIFUL WETLAND AREA

To provide a new home for creatures such as frogs, newts, water voles, and dragonflies as well as producing naturalised habitats throughout the grounds, improving biodiversity and providing shelter for small mammals.

WILDFLOWER MEADOW

A wildflower meadow has been curated with over 22 different types of flowers, which will be an important source of food and habitat for many species of animals and pollinating insects

ELECTRIC MACHINERY

Using electric machinery exclusively to trim our hedges and shrubs to further reduce our carbon footprint.

CREATING COMPOST

With coffee grounds, tea leaves, teabags, ash from the reception fire

KITCHEN GARDEN

A charming miniature kitchen garden filled with basil, rosemary, thyme, chives, parsley, oregano, and coriander will serve as both inspiration and a commitment to seasonal cuisine for both our restaurants and Octagon Bar.

SWIFT BOXES

Invested in Swift boxes which aim to save the endangered species and take part in the initiative. Environmental event with guest speaker.

ANIMAL HOUSES

Hedgehog Hotel and Insect & Bee Houses.



OUR HOTEL

RESTAURANTS

In our restaurants, we offer vegan and vegetarian options to encourage those looking to reduce their carbon footprint.

COFFEE COMPOST BINS

Coffee compost bins in every area that serves coffee of the hotel

WHOGIVESACRAP

Who use carbon-neutral shipping, and plastic-free products. We have chosen bamboo toilet paper which uses significantly fewer resources than conventional toilet paper.

KEY SYSTEM

New key system that uses recycled plastic keycards.

EARTHCHECK

Focusing on sustainable tourism, achieved EarthCheck Benchmarked Bronze status December 2024.

REUSABLE & RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Staff canteen cups from paper to glass & refillable soap bottles.

ELEMIS

Who are a B corp, British brand with their products in our public areas & bedrooms.

SEPERATION OF RECYCABLE ITEMS

Our in-house community is focused on ESG. We have started implementing separating paper cardboard plastic, general waste napkins, table clothes, tins, detergent products.



OUR COMMUNITY

COTTONMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Being involved with the Cottonmill Community Centre, attending regular meetings and events.

HOSPITALITY ACTION & MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

We are training select staff in Mental Health First Aid as well as aim to train all staff in Mental Health First Aid Awareness to ensure we can support everyone in and around the hotel.

RENINE GROVE

At our annual hotel awards, we raise money via raffle.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Where we have helped fundraise.

BREAST CANCER NOW

We arrange a staff bake sale and wear it pink day to support each year.

OAKLANDS COLLAGE

Placement students and we invited the in for a talk travel and tourism students. Partnering with them for apprenticeships.

MACMILLIAN

Held coffee morning and bake sale.

TRUSSLE TRUST

The local food bank.

SAMARITANS PURSE UK

Operation Christmas child, donated filled shoe boxes and sent to Kenya.



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