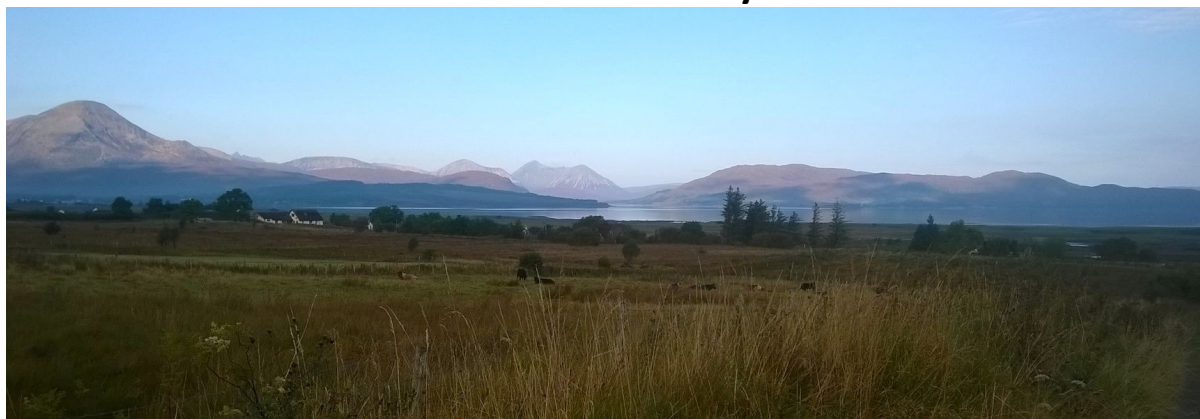




Our Green Policy



Oystercatchers Cottage, Lower Breakish is a former croft house on the most famous of the Inner Hebridean Islands. As owners, we are aware that it is our duty to ensure that we retain this wonderful spot for future generations to enjoy just the way it stands today.

We have therefore implemented the following measures:

1. The Cottage is well draught proofed and insulated, with thermal blackout linings on all curtains.
2. We have used double thickness sheep's wool insulation in the roof spaces.
3. Eco-friendly cleaning products and detergents are used to clean the cottage and are also made available for guests to use.
4. Low energy light bulbs are used throughout.
5. The electric heating in each room is individually timer-controlled and we set the thermostats according to the season so that the house is not over-heated.
6. Our water use is monitored by a meter and we encourage guests to keep water use to a minimum.
7. We supply locally sourced sustainably grown softwood for use in the wood-burning stove and actively encourage its use over electric heating.
8. We have reduced, reused and recycled the waste generated by us and supplied information and encourage guests to do the same in line with the recycling policy of Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd.
9. We have a no-smoking policy in the cottage.
10. We have planted herbs in pots directly outside the kitchen for use in cooking.
11. We have established a wildlife garden to encourage insect life, particularly bees, to the property.
12. We have a yearly tree/shrub-planting programme
13. We are conducting extensive water-management works to better manage rain water run off.
14. We have provided bird feeders and the shrubs planted have been chosen for the abundance of berries produced.
15. We provide laminated copies of local walks to encourage guests to walk from the cottage door and make available suggestions for car free activities.
16. Details of public transport links to the Cottage are made available to guests both prior to arrival and in the Guest handbook.
17. We hope our business helps the local economy. We spend money in the local shops and restaurants, buy all our food, building materials and appliances from local firms and believe we have a minimal impact on the environment.
18. We have provided details of locally sourced food and drink, at shops, cafés and restaurants, including details of those selling Fair Trade products.

We seek, by implementing the above, and constantly reviewing it, to reduce the impact of Tourism on our landscape while affording a happy experience for our guests so that they want return to Scotland.