



**Stay with us on Skye
T/A Kildonan Holiday Home**

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ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY and NET-ZERO CARBON POLICY

As a coastal business directly affected by climate change, we see it as our responsibility to lead by example and to take immediate and effective action to mitigate against climate change. We commit to making energy efficiencies and reductions in emission and pollution, through standard measures where possible, while also exploring innovative and emerging solutions offered through Green & Blue Carbon capture to offset shortfalls not achievable through more normal routes.

WE CARE PASSIONATELY ABOUT OUR PLANET

We care very much about the future of our island and planet and feel that it is so important, that we dedicate a page on our website to it, where we share much of our recent work.
<https://staywithusonskye.co.uk/island-life/>

ZERO-WASTE REVIEW

We have recently undertaken a comprehensive energy review making significant property upgrades and commit to constant review of our energy use and to make ongoing improvements by;

1. Reducing unnecessary use of ANY energy or resource.
2. Reducing dependency on fossil fuels.
3. Conducting a review of resources used to inform a strategy to achieve efficiencies and a move towards NetZero.

VEHICLE FUEL - Customer transport to and around Skye

Public transport on the island is limited, making own vehicles the most attractive option. We can assist in encouraging effective use of car miles through the following measures.

1. **Encourage Longer Stays** - Our pricing structure favours and encourages longer stays. Customers can travel 100's or 1000's of miles to expedition with us, and it make sense to encourage longer stays. Not only does it make carbon sense, but it also facilitates more time to enjoy the holiday, relax and de-stress.
2. **Maximise Benefit of Fuel Miles made** - We are in a good central location which naturally minimises unnecessary journeys. We have created 'Inspire to Explore' pages on our website, includes mileages and travel times to assist visitors trip planning and island awareness. It organises favourite visitor sites and attractions into suggested daily/regional itineraries, to ensure effective use of car miles, saving carbon emissions and costs, while very importantly maximising visitor enjoyment while exploring our island.
3. **Highlight low carbon attractions** - we share our favourite walks, companies like ebikes, activities like pony trekking, etc on the island to encourage a low carbon footprint.

ENERGY USE - in our property

Our property is an old cottage with some limitations on energy saving improvements, particularly about heating options, however we are committed to maximising the reductions in energy used at the property as follows.

1. Insulate to reduce the need to input heat.

- The building is cavity wall insulated.
- We recently undertook significant renovation to install the very latest and highest specification of insulation in the roof, attic and upper floor of the property.
- It is our intention to continue to build upon recent thermal insulation improvements at the property by committing that all future work will be carried out to achieve additional thermal efficiencies to the highest standard of thermal efficiency possible.
- Ensure seals are maintained to minimise drafts on windows and doors.

2. Heating – Energy Input

- Heating is more complex as there are restricted options available to us at the present time on the island. Input reduction is currently more viable than changing the heating source to the current renewable solutions available.
- Manage heat input effectively. Encourage guests to not leave windows open, to cool the house down, while heating is on. Inform guests to the effective use of heating appliances. Include a heating allowance that is realistic for the period of let, with excess use payable to encourage consideration of heating use.
- We will also commit to innovative blue carbon initiatives to offset carbon emissions where reductions can genuinely not be made.

LIMIT USE OF FOSSIL FUELS

It is essential to limit our use of fossil fuels.

- **Electricity** - Where possible we will ensure to use electric suppliers that create their energy from sustainable and renewable sources.
- **Renewables Solutions** - In time we will endeavour to incorporate renewables solutions at the property when viable options become available.
- **Cleaner Fuels** - We have replaced our open coal fires with log-burning stoves. This [1] removes harmful emissions, [2] ensures efficient heat output [3] reduces in room draughts though chimney closures and insulations. [4] while offering heating security through storm induced power cuts.

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE & ETHICAL PRODUCTS

Whenever possible we aim to use ethical and environmentally responsible products in our properties, supporting local companies and initiatives. For example;

Covid Cleaning - is ensured by fogging with 'Dew Mist' which is both vegan and organic.

Painting and decorating - We use Isle of Skye Paint Company which is organic and produced from seaweed. Not only is it environmentally friendly they have great colours, finish, and durability. It is also easily cleaned reducing the need to repaint.

Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse – Where possible, rather than replace, we adopt a policy of repurposing and upcycling, to ensure that we can stay up to date with the latest look while being environmentally responsible.

Local Products – Recent upholstery upgrades, curtains etc have utilised Harris Tweed, woven locally in the islands from 100% wool, died with local organic and natural dyes. It roles environmental accountability, provenance and contemporary style into one.

Waste Recycling - We encourage our guests to recycle during their visit.