



Packridge Apartments & Bed & Breakfast Environmental and Social Responsibility Policy

We feel very fortunate to live and work in a beautiful old house in a lovely part of the world. We are very aware that living here carries with it certain responsibilities: to the house, to the local area, the local flora and fauna and to the environment.

About Packridge Farm

Packridge Farmhouse was built around 1603 and we know that from the early 1800's it was a working farm. The main farmhouse originally had a thatched roof over an oak timber construction. The original timbers were salvaged from wrecks around the south coast. The house was extended in 1700's and then again in the 1800's using local bricks made in the kilns surrounding the original farm and Kiln Farm. Packridge remained a working dairy farm, with pedigree Ayrshire cattle until 1968 when the owners retired. In the late 60's and early 70's it was fashionable to modernise older properties and this was the case at Packridge Farm with the consequence that a lot of original features were lost. This included two thatched barns and the old Shire horse stables.

We purchased Packridge Farm in 1987, in a very rundown state. As we have carried out renovations we have tried to reinstall original features from local reclamation companies or had replacement doors and windows made by local craftsmen. As we continue to update the facilities of the house and outbuildings we try to minimise our impact on the environment, for example using eco-friendly paints and using sustainable and locally sourced oak for Clotted Cream and the new games room. We have a rolling plan to replace equipment with A and A+ energy ratings. Over the last three years we have completed two installations of solar panels.

Our Local Area - Rownhams

If you look at the Ordnance Survey map in The Dairy, drawn up in 1909, you will notice that the area of Toothill and Packridge is almost identical to the present day map. The villages south of the M27 have grown over the years and continue to thrive and grow, but the little



hamlet of Packridge and surrounding area has remained virtually unchanged with no new roads or buildings for over a hundred years.

We hope our business helps the local economy. We encourage our guests to spend money in the local shops, restaurants and at local tourist attractions. We are members of Hampshire Fare and we buy all our food and drink from local businesses. You will find the suppliers that we use for our breakfasts on “[Our Suppliers](#)” page of our website; there are also links to their websites.

At Packridge we are committed to working in a sustainable way and we are undertaking the following actions in order to achieve this

-  We comply with the requirements of environmental legislation and approved codes of practice.
-  We continuously seek to improve our environmental and social performance.
-  We reduce pollution, emissions and waste
-  We reduce the use of energy, waste and other resources.
-  We raise awareness, encourage participation and train employees in sustainable business practices.
-  We aim to use suppliers with similar environmental standards.
-  We assist guests to use our products and services in an environmentally sensitive way.
-  We actively work with the local community.
-  We have minimised our risks associated with social and environmental issues.
-  We have joined the Green Tourism Business Scheme as an indicator of our sustainable practices.

We would like to ask you to help us - the green folder in your accommodation has suggestions on what you can do to be a greener visitor.

Chrissi and Mike Knights - Owners

