

recycle for Cumbria

Doing the right thing and saving money

If you decide to reduce your waste and recycle more, you'll be following in the footsteps of other successful businesses in Cumbria. Here they tell how they did it and what difference it has made.



THE GLEN ROTHAY HOTEL AND BADGER BAR

We recently introduced a recycling 'cage' from Eden Community Recycling. It contains 18 green wheelie bins as well as all the space between and above the bins for other waste.

We are recycling all our glass, soft plastics, hard plastics, aluminium foil, other metals, polystyrene, paper and cardboard via this method. In addition, a lot of the remainder of our waste was recycled already - we have two large compost heaps for raw vegetable matter; most of the cooked waste from the kitchen goes to feed our local badger population (a popular spectacle with residents and visitors alike); we even recycle our beer slops via a local company that makes us a beautiful Beer and Lemongrass Soap that we sell in the Hotel.

The introduction of the recycling cage has led to our waste 'cost' being reduced from £2,359 to just over £1,100 - a 50% reduction, as well as what we send to landfill being reduced by over 85% - clear proof that doing the right thing can cost less.

**Rik Still at The Glen Rothay Hotel
and Badger Bar, Rydal.
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THE LANGDALE HOTEL

At the Langdale Hotel and Timeshare/Self Catering Resort we actively encourage staff, guests and our local community to recycle.

We provide facilities for recycling glass, cans, paper, plastic and card. These are a mix of services provided by South Lakeland District Council and ourselves. Our recycling efforts last year reduced our own landfill by 92.57 tonnes and saved the company £7254.

Not only do we recycle by separating our waste streams, but we also work closely with Impact Housing Association when refurbishing or re-equipping our property. In 2008 we recycled 12 sets of bedroom furniture and 57 TV's. We are currently in the process of replacing almost 300 duvets and 800 pillows, which will be used by Impact Housing Association. This not only saves waste but also saves us money and helps the wider community.

Nick Lancaster at Langdale Hotel.



BADGER PRESS

Badger Press is at the forefront of good environmental practice (we have medals to prove it). We constantly monitor the latest developments in "low environmental impact print technology". This covers all aspects of the print production cycle, from the paper, ink and consumables we use right through to production equipment, company vehicles and also the premises.

With all the latest environmental buzz words it's easy to forget the obvious, and an area of environmental responsibility often neglected is the maintenance of equipment and the training of staff. At Badger Press we take these responsibilities very seriously, we have found that by paying particular attention to these areas significantly reduces the wastage of all materials and increases the quality of the finished product. These actions have reduced our landfill waste by over 80% per annum.

And we are proud to announce we have just received:

Cumbria Business Environmental Network, 2008 Retained Gold Award for environmental responsibility.

We recycle: 100% Waste Paper and Packaging, 80% Waste Plastic, 90% Waste Metal, 90% Waste Ink.

