

## The Garden Cottage: Self Catering

Case Study Year: 2011

### Business Details



### The Garden Cottage

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### Business Description



The Garden Cottage is an attractive one level property offering pleasant accommodation nestled in the heart of Inglewhite. This lovely cottage is the perfect place to stay for those looking to escape to the countryside. Set in one acre of landscaped gardens, guests are assured of peace and tranquility throughout their stay. All rooms have been decorated and furnished to a high standard and the kitchen is equipped with everything needed for an enjoyable self catering holiday.

### Green Statement

// This is a beautiful area and the best way to see it is on foot or bike so we try to encourage our guests to give the car a rest and explore. In the cottage and on our website you will find information about places to walk, cycle, shop, and visit and eat out. We love our garden and try to be as wildlife friendly as possible. Guests are also given the opportunity to use the fresh products we grow in the garden. //

### What's Green about The Garden Cottage:

The Garden Cottage is set in a beautiful, wildlife friendly garden, and is run with sustainability in mind. The Garden Cottage recycle and use recycled goods as much as possible and encourage their guests to get involved. All uncooked vegetable matter and garden waste is composted and used on the garden and rainwater is collected in water butts for use in the garden. Throughout the year they also hold coffee mornings and fund-raising events for local charities including the local Village Hall, Air Ambulance, and Life Boats appeal.

## Actions



- Recycle and use recycled goods as much as possible, and encourage guests to get involved. Batteries and printer cartridges are collected and given to the local school for recycling
- They are members and regular users of Freecycle
- Encourage guests to partake in car free activities by providing clothes drying facilities and secure storage for bikes and are part of the Welcome Walkers and Cyclists Scheme
- A selection of local map books and walks or cycle rides are also available to encourage guests to enjoy the area without using the car, including several walking routes developed from the cottage with the Forest of Bowland team
- Guests are encouraged to experience the wildlife in the garden and are also given the opportunity to use the fresh products they grow
- For breakfast guests are welcome to collect eggs from their free range hens, rescued from life in a battery cabin
- Visitors are encouraged to make a note of the local wildlife seen and the business then record the wildlife activity on their blog along with other tourism businesses in the area

## Impact



### Economic

- Energy saving measures such as introduction of energy saving light bulbs and introduction of a-rated appliances will in turn provide cost savings to the business



### Environmental

- Recycling in all aspects of the business, resulting in significantly less waste going to landfill
- Wildlife diversity around the site conserved and enhanced
- Encouraging walkers and cyclists reduces the use of the car and carbon emissions.
- Reduction in food miles and carbon emissions by supporting local producers



### Social

- Local economy supported by promotion of other local businesses and local producers
- Supports local charities through fund-raising events

## Links



Encouraging garden wildlife  
Forest of Bowland AONB  
Lancashire Green Tourism project  
Lancashire Wildlife  
Nest boxes  
Sustainable Tourism Business Network

[www.wildaboutgardens.org](http://www.wildaboutgardens.org)  
[www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com)  
[www.lancashiregreentourism.com](http://www.lancashiregreentourism.com)  
[www.lancashirewildlife.org.uk](http://www.lancashirewildlife.org.uk)  
[www.nestbox.co.uk](http://www.nestbox.co.uk)  
[www.bowlandexperience.com](http://www.bowlandexperience.com)

## Contact



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