

Environment Policy for Fir Tree Barn Cottages

Fir Tree Barn Cottages occupies a total of two hundred acres, one hundred and thirty acres of this is down to grass and the remainder cereals. None of the cereals produced at Fir Tree Farm are sold they are all fed to our cattle.

We participate in the Countryside Stewardship scheme, of which forty five acres of the grass is down to hay meadow, this is where no fertilizer or spays are used, another ten acres are down to fallow which encourages the bird life on the farm, whilst we have been in the countryside stewardship scheme we have seen a significant increase in the number of different species of birds that can be found at Fir Tree Farm.

We have constructed a pond which has carp and roach in, wild geese and wild ducks are regular visitors here, along with a heron!

We are aiming to reduce our energy requirements and to date have fitted double glazing throughout and purchased electrical appliances with A ratings. Gradually we are converting to energy efficient light bulbs where possible.

During the conversion of barn, which originally housed cattle ,we tried to keep as many of the original features as possible and exposed all of the beams.

We recycle paper, cans, bottles and plastic.

Guests can support us by

- switching lights and TVs off when not in use
- putting cans and bottles in the green box situated in the back yard
- putting plastic in the red box
- putting paper in the bags