## **Knockinaam Lodge Hotel**



## **Sustainability Policy Template**

Knockinaam Lodge is an independently owned luxury country house hotel located on the quiet, unspoilt coastline near Portpatrick in Dumfries and Galloway. Set within a sheltered cove on the edge of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, the hotel has a long heritage of providing exceptional hospitality, with a particular focus on food, provenance and personal service. The Lodge includes 14 individually designed bedrooms, a highly regarded 3 AA Rosette restaurant, and two self-catering lodges including the award-winning Shingle Lodge.

As a small rural business, we rely heavily on the quality and sustainability of our environment, our local community and our regional producers. Much of our food is sourced from within the Biosphere area, including long-standing partnerships with local growers, fishermen, butchers and smokehouses. Our kitchen garden is currently in organic conversion with Soil Association Scotland. Knockinaam Lodge has been recognised for its commitment to quality and responsible tourism through national awards including Best Luxury Experience at the Scottish Thistle Awards.

Our location within the UNESCO Biosphere strengthens our responsibility to protect the environment around us and to operate in a way that supports climate resilience, biodiversity, community wellbeing and the long-term sustainability of the region. This policy sets out our commitments and actions as we continue to improve our environmental performance and work towards a more sustainable future for the lodge, our guests and our community.

## **Sustainability Values Statement**

- We care about our community, our guests, and our planet.
- **We understand** the need to protect our natural environment and limit the day-to-day impact of our business.
- We aim to follow and champion good sustainability practices, reduce the environmental impacts of our activities, and give something back to our community and the environment.

## **Sustainability Policy**

We will uphold sustainability practices by:

- Ensuring we comply with all relevant environmental regulations and legislation.
- Reducing, where possible, our consumption of resources including energy, water, and other raw materials, and ensuring the efficient use of the resources we do consume.
- Ensuring consideration is given to the environmental, social, and ethical impacts of the goods and services we buy.
- Working with our suppliers to reduce the impact of our supply chain and to encourage them to improve their sustainable and environmental practices.
- Managing waste generated from our business in line with the waste hierarchy; by avoiding waste in the first place, then giving priority to minimising, reusing, recycling, recovery of waste, and finally ensuring the safe disposal of waste.
- Regularly reviewing our practices with the aim of continually improving the impact of our business activities on the environment, local community, and wider society.
- Measuring and taking action to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with our business activities.
- Supporting social and environmental projects and initiatives within our community or in wider society.

This policy will be reviewed regularly to evaluate its continued relevance and to monitor our progress.

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