**Park Head Hotel**

**Our Sustainability Journey**

Hospitality is all about looking after people, so it makes sense that, in turn, we do our best to look after our local community and the planet as well. We understand that the everyday operation of Park Head impacts our immediate community and the wider planet we call ‘home’, and take our responsibility to mitigate our impact seriously.

Sourcing Locally

We design our menus using ingredients of high quality ingredients with low ‘food miles’ with our suppliers based no more than 30 miles from the Hotel. Our responsible sourcing reduces our carbon footprint and contributes to the North East economy. It also means that our fantastic dishes are bursting with quality flavours adding to the overall experience.

We also scrutinise the sustainable practises of our suppliers to ensure they share our ethos – for example, our linen supplier uses 100% renewable energy in laundering our towels and bed linen.

Energy Saving, Waste Management & Good Practise

Park Head will continually look for ways to make sustainable choices and embed sustainable practises across everything we do. We will, and have:

* Work to minimise physical and food waste
* Continue to be single-use plastic free across the Hotel
* Make sure our cleaning materials are eco-friendly
* Monitor our CO2 emissions and energy usage on an annual basis and review our energy suppliers regularly, with the aim of reducing our carbon footprint year-on-year
* Recycle food waste and recycle all waste where practical and possible, minimising the amount of waste we send to landfill. We even recycle our cooking oil!
* Use refillable cosmetics rather than individual bottles, preventing up to 40,000 miniature cosmetic bottles going to landfill annually.
* Conserve water and power where possible. We operate a linen and towel change policy where guests decide when they would like their towels swapped for fresh ones. We don’t use tablecloths in the restaurant, reducing the use of water and energy in laundering them.
* Installed dual flush options
* Recruit locally – whilst we will always employ the person we think best for the job, we’re very proud that all but 2 of our employees live within 6 miles of the Hotel – and most within 2 miles!
* Use energy efficient LED bulbs and offer 4 electric car charging points for guest use.

Where You Can Help

You can help us and play a part in our journey.

* Where possible, travel to the Hotel using public transport. We are located approximately 2 miles from Bishop Auckland train station, and 2 major bus routes stop immediately outside the Hotel (Arrive and Go Northern).
* Choose electric – we have 4 electric car charging points available for use
* Walk, Cycle or jump on a bus to explore Bishop Auckland and the wider County of Durham. Buses are frequent and reliable, and much cheaper and more efficient than driving into Durham and trying to park!