



SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

About The Machrie

The Machrie Hotel and Golf Links has a long and interesting history on the remote and beautiful Hebridean island of Islay. From 1970 through to 2010 the property changed hands several times and the fortunes of the hotel ebbed and flowed.

In 2011, the Davies family purchased the hotel and undertook a visionary upgrade of the golf course working with D J Russell, former European Ryder Cup Vice Captain and PGA tour player. D J was tasked with retaining the magical uniqueness of the historic links, but adding some new contemporary twists and challenges, as well as creating EcoBunkers made from recycled artificial turf.

As well as being named in the UK's Top 30 Hotels in the Condé Nast Traveller Reader's Choice Awards 2022, The Machrie is ranked as one of the best golf resorts in the world in Today's Golfer Top 100 and is ranked No 6 in Europe by Leading Courses 2022.

Green Teams

At The Machrie we have a dedicated Green Team driving our commitment to looking after the environment, reducing our footprint, and supporting our local communities.

We aspire to Gold Green Tourism Accreditation, the very highest standard for a hotel.

Some of our pledges are set out below:

1. Commitment to Community

With our unique location, we pledge to support local farmers, fisherman and artisan suppliers and to work with them in a fair and consistent manner. This means we reduce our carbon footprint while creating strong community relationships and offering guests the freshest of produce on a daily basis.

We purchase fish that is approved by the Marine Conservation Society.

We work with local attractions and activity operators to encourage our guests to take adventures provided by our community.

2. Reducing Food Miles

Minimising our carbon footprint by creating lasting relationships with local suppliers and a commitment to sourcing 75 percent of our food from within a 50-mile radius.

We eliminate outsourcing by preparing many of our own products in-house. This includes preserves, granola, bakery and pastry, to name just a few.

3. Reducing Plastics

We will continue to reduce the use of plastics around the business and move to biodegradable materials and work towards eradicating single-use plastics.

We do not use plastic water bottles in our rooms. Our drinking water is pure Islay water that we UV-light filter on site and bottle in glass. We have eliminated the disposal of over 10,000 bottles of plastic a year.

Our toiletries use ethically sourced ingredients and are presented in refillable bottles.

4. Keeping Golf Green

EcoBunkers have been created on our championship golf course, using artificial turf from old sports pitches, recycled to use in bunker faces, saving them from landfill. Artificial turf has a longer lifespan and requires less day-to-day maintenance.

5. Cutting Food Waste

Curing meat and fish, when possible and doing much of the butchery work on-site to minimise wastage.

We make our own compost on-site for use around the links.

6. Reduce, Recycle, Reuse,

We are frenetic recyclers, ensuring all recyclable materials are correctly disposed of.

7. Conserve Energy

We constantly review our energy consumption at the hotel and within our staff housing to seek sustainable solutions. For example, all lightbulbs have been updated to LED bulbs, reducing our electricity consumption.

8. Eco-friendly Products

We use eco-friendly cleaning products throughout the hotel. All our bin liners are biodegradable. Drinking straws are made of biodegradable cornstarch.