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Responsible Visitor Charter

Social and environmental sustainability are at the heart of our philosophy here at Drover Holidays. We are working to make our business more eco-friendly, and we promote environmental good practice wherever we can. We also need your help! We can all reduce our impact on the environment by making choices. As a visitor you have a very important role to play in helping us to conserve our natural assets and become a more sustainable destination. Here are our recommended tips on how you can help preserve the things that makes Wales such a special destination:

Conserve Energy

At your accommodation, switch off the lights when they are not required and close windows if the heating is on. The Energy Saving Trust (www.est.org.uk) provides information on what you can do at home.

Give the car a rest

You've already chosen to walk or cycle on your holidays, so that's a great start! Why not leave the car behind altogether and arrive in Wales by public transport? We provide a free pick-up from the nearest bus or rail station for customers on our tours. When you return home, try to walk, cycle or use public transport more often too.

Support local producers

By shopping locally and choosing markets, independent retail outlets and farm instead of supermarkets, you will be helping to sustain the local economy. Not only that, but local products, usually offer excellent quality and Wales has fantastic producers of food and drink so your taste buds will benefit too. Supporting local and regional arts and crafts is important too.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra carrier bag. On our cycling tours you can use the handlebar bag and panniers provided for your shopping. Accommodation providers will be happy to recycle your waste where possible – don't be shy to ask if you are unsure about how to support them in their efforts to recycle.

Be water wise

Please use water wisely. Take simple steps like turning off the tap when brushing your teeth. Many of our accommodation partners have water-saving initiatives like towel policies - Towels on the floor means "Please change them", Towels hanging up means: "I will use them again".

Respect nature

Our natural environment is our greatest asset here in Wales and our holidays take you to some of the most wonderful, unspoilt corners of the country. Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife and preserve it for future generations by not littering, starting fires or disturbing wildlife. Please stick to rights of way, and use footpaths and cycle-ways responsibly. Everyone who books a Drover Holidays tour will receive a copy of the Countryside Code, and you can also view it online - www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk.

Support Green businesses

There are numerous businesses in Wales trying to reduce their carbon footprints. You can find details of other Green Tourism Business Scheme participants at www.green-business.co.uk.