



Committing to a Greener Glenlo Enjoy a greener stay!

Our team recognise that our business has an important role to play in protecting and enhancing the environment for future generations and to help secure the long-term sustainability of the tourism industry. It is our priority to encourage our customers, suppliers and all business associates to do the same.

We are committed to enhancing our impact on the environment through our Tree Planting Initiatives and our own Apiary, we are committed to reducing our environmental impact through better efficiencies in the use of energy and the minimisation of waste, packaging and water usage.

Bee -ing Green - Glenlo Apiary

In 2023 we installed an Apiary on the Estate consisting of 7 Bee Hives. The location of our Apiary is in a sheltered area towards Lough Corrib on the Estate.

Bees act as a pollinator for the variety of flora and wildflowers across our 138 acres.

Each hive when active has 30,000 native Irish Black Honeybees. Throughout the season (typically March

through to October) the bees will produce 4 distinctive types of honey, in Spring they produce the Spring Dandelion Honey, this is light in colour and whilst flavoursome it is also known for its anti-inflammatory properties. The next honey our bees will produce is known as the Bramble Honey which is richer in colour and texture to the Spring Dandelion. As the season evolves the Bees are attracted to wild Ivy and hence this honey they produce is known as Ivy Honey and is equal if not superior to the properties found in the Manuka Honey from New Zealand. In the Autumn our bees are attracted to the wild heathers, and they produce a thick viscous honey which must be pressed, known as Heather Honey.

Our Hives are maintained by our own Beekeepers, who looks after the hives and the honeycombs. Honey from our Estate is also used by our Chefs in some of our recipes and jars of our honey are also available for our hotel guests to enjoy.

Recycling

The hotel has a waste diversion rate of 80% from landfill. Each guest bedroom has recycling cards and bins, that encourage and show guests how to recycle in their bedrooms.

All plastic bottles used for hair and body products are recyclable and are refilled by our housekeeping department.

Environmentally friendly cards in our bedrooms give guests the option to re-use towels and bed linen by following simple steps.

The hotel uses bio-degradable take away cups & straws which can be composted, while the lid can be recycled. Used kitchen oil is sent to a biodiesel plant for recycling and all packaging used to transport food produce is recycled by our suppliers and reused.

Energy Consumption

To date Glenlo Abbey Hotel and Estate has achieved an 8% reduction in electrical consumption and a 7% reduction in gas consumption.

This has been achieved through surveying our electrical boards and installing 13 meters to selected boards. This allows us to continuously monitor electrical consumption and profile consumption on an hourly basis. We have also installed 2 meters on our gas readers and monitor in the same way through our portal.

The hotel uses LED lighting throughout the premises and uses sensor lighting, in meeting rooms, stairwells and back of house.

We are investing our Capex budget in upgrades to old plant in the hotel with new energy efficient models.

Examples include the upgrade of our boilers to energy efficient condensing boilers, which is helping to drive down energy, and particularly our gas consumption.

We are also considering switching our kitchen to induction, replacement of all pumps with smaller Variable Speed Drive (VSD) energy efficient type pumps and upgrading radiator valves to thermostatically controlled type in the future to drive our electrical and gas consumption down further.

Awareness and education on energy savings remains front and central to all communication to staff. We educate our staff to reduce, reuse and recycle, building awareness in their roles and how they contribute to the reduction in usage in their departments.

Electric Car Chargers

EV Charging stations are available at our onsite car parks, these are operated by Easy Go.

Installation of the EV charging stations aligns with our aim to reduce the hotel's carbon footprint.

To use the stations, simply download the app in the link above and sign up to Easy Go.

Accreditation

We have partnered with Green Tourism, a hospitality specialist environment accreditation partner. Green Tourism complete "Energy & Sustainability Audits" at all our hotels, with each hotel gaining accreditation as part of this process. These audits are helping us prioritise the areas we need to action, and gain accreditation.