



15Hatfields Sustainable Credentials

At 15Hatfields sustainability is at the heart of everything we do, from the carpets you walk on to the coffee that you drink - we have thought of everything. We understand the full meaning of sustainability, the fact that it refers to human wellbeing as well as the environment. Therefore we have ensured that anything we could not obtain locally, such as tea and coffee, is all Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance Certified ensuring a fair deal for the farmers, the growers and the environment.

As part of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH), a registered charity, all profits are gift aided back to the charity each year making us one of the leading social enterprise venues in the UK. The donation is used to help raise awareness of climate change and public health issues, which affect us all.

Take a look at the list below to see some of the measures we are taking to make ourselves one of the UK's most sustainable venue.

The Venue

- The stone feature wall in reception is made from off cuts of paving slabs, quarried in Bedford just 60 miles away.
- Our cakes and pastries are served on slate trays sourced from Bately in North Yorkshire.
- The carpet is made from goats' hair with a natural rubber backing making them fully compostable.
- The wood veneers which can be seen around the building are all from UK FSC certified forests.
- The cushions and the banquettes are made from end of the line seatbelts.

- The paint used throughout the venue is clay based which is better for both human and environmental health.
- The doormat you wipe your feet on is made from recycled tyres.
- The furniture used throughout the venue uses natural dyes and fully compostable fabrics.

Energy

- Where possible all of our electrical equipment is triple A rated.
- Our electricity is certified to be from 100 % renewable sources.
- The lights in the washrooms and the kitchen are all motion sensitive to enable energy to be saved when they're not in use.
- All of the spotlights in the building are now LED bulbs. LED bulbs have a 25,000 hour light life and use more than 10 times less energy than halogen bulbs.
- Solar panels on the roof provide more than 90 % of the hot water required for the building.
- Our linen supplier, The Caterers Linen Supply, have won awards for the measures they have taken towards reducing the amount of energy and water they use.

Waste

- We have a comprehensive recycling policy with compartmentalised bins located throughout the venue and the building.
- In the washrooms spray taps and dual flush toilets reduce the amount of water wasted.
- Any food waste is collected and broken down into compost pellets which are then donated to local projects.





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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- The reception desk and the bar are made from recycled fabric conditioner bottles.
- The glassware used throughout the venue is 100 % recycled.
- The cushions and the banquette covers are made from end of the line seatbelts.
- Our cutlery contains at least 90 % recycled steel content.
- Our notepads and any other printed material are on 100 % recycled paper.
- Our pens are made from recycled CD cases.
- Our coasters are made from recycled tyres.
- Our heat mats are made from recycled plastic coffee cups.

Catering

- Our caterers are located nearby and also have sustainability at their core. All of their food is seasonal ethically and (where possible) locally sourced.
- All of our teas are fair-trade and served in recycled glass tea caddies.
- Our coffee is rainforest alliance certified and freshly ground onsite.
- The biscuits we serve are also fair-trade and served in recycled glass biscuit barrels.
- The milk served throughout the building is English and organic.
- Our water is bottled on site using our own UV filtration and carbonation system, using reusable glass bottles.
- We like to support local growers therefore our apple juice and English sparkling wine is grown and produced within 60 miles of our venue.

Awards and Qualifications

- 15Hatfields has been awarded ISO 14001 certification. ISO 14001 is an international standard for Environmental Management Systems.
- We are BS2012 part 1 (a British Standard for sustainable event management) compliant.
- Our staff are all environmentally aware and have achieved level 2 in the CIEH course for Environmental Principles and Best Practice.
- We were the first business to achieve the NQA award for our Sustainable Management System
- Awarded Gold Green Tourism Award 2016
- Highly Commended in the National Conference Awards for 'Best Sustainable Initiative' for our 'Save the Bees, Go wild and sow your seeds' campaign, where we gave away more than 2 million wildflower seeds.

We have the very latest in video conferencing technology, which enables interactive meetings to be held with people across the globe without the need for excessive travel, reducing the carbon footprint of the event.

To further show our commitment to sustainability and to give back to those with a similar ideology, 15Hatfields offers a special discount to Charities and any other organisations with sustainability at their core.

If you need any tips on how to make your event greener please check our '15Hatfields Guide to Make Your Event More Sustainable'. Alternatively, please feel free to contact any member of our event team on **0207 827 5920 or pay us a visit and we'll be more than happy to help you.**

