

# Knightsote Farm Cottages and Arbor Holiday Cottages Environmental Policy

**We are committed to providing good quality service while actively reducing our environmental impact. To this end we offer the following:**

## **Recycling of glass, paper, plastic and cans:**

1. Compost heaps for guests wishing to recycle their compostable (uncooked vegetable) food waste
2. Using recycled paper and products
3. Majority of our cleaning products are environmentally friendly
4. Insulation in our loft spaces to increase energy efficiency
5. Buying locally where possible
6. Encourage cycling, with free undercover storage and links with Stratford bike hire.
7. Using email and our website to promote us where possible

## **Actions to make Knightsote Farm Cottages and Arbor Holiday Cottages more sustainable in a wider context of environmental improvements for wildlife:**

1. The cottages are situated in the middle of the New House Farm which participates in the, Environmental Stewardship scheme
2. Planned program of new tree planting
3. A meadow management plan for the meadow pasture with a neighbouring farmer who cuts it for hay
4. Encouraging bird life, with feeders, not cutting hedges at nesting time, growing 6 meter hedge row buffer strips with grass and wild flowers, erecting nesting boxes, and all year-round feeding of birds around the cottages and the farm
5. Encouraging other wildlife through activities such as, planting insect-attractive plants in the garden and the farm, creating dead wood piles, preserving the habitat of our badgers and leaving dead trees standing
6. Preserving the habitat of the tree sparrow which is closely monitored by the RSPB

## **We would welcome your help! Please:**

1. Recycle glass, paper, tins and plastic bottles through our doorstep recycling scheme in the blue bins
2. Switch off lights when leaving a room and turn down heaters rather than opening a window to cool a room down
3. Use shops selling local produce - see your information file for more on this.
4. Leave the car behind sometimes and walk or cycle. You can hire cycles from Stratford Cycle Hire
5. Please ask if you would like to know more about our environmental policy or the actions we have taken