Sustainability at Clevedon Hall

At Clevedon Hall, sustainability is at the heart of how we operate. As a historic venue set within beautiful grounds, we recognise our responsibility to protect and enhance our environment for future generations. We are proud to offer couples and private event clients a venue that combines elegance with meaningful environmental action.

Below is an overview of the steps we are taking to reduce our environmental impact and operate as responsibly as possible.

Our Environmental Commitment

We are continually reviewing our practices to reduce waste, conserve energy, and support local and sustainable suppliers. Our sustainability strategy focuses on:

- Reducing single-use plastics
- Responsible waste management
- Supporting local producers
- Investing in renewable and low-carbon technologies
- Enhancing biodiversity across our estate

Supporting Biodiversity – Our Bee Colony & First Honey Harvest

We are delighted to have recently welcomed a thriving colony of bees to Clevedon Hall. Our bees work tirelessly pollinating our gardens, supporting local biodiversity and strengthening the natural ecosystem across the estate.

We are proud to share that we have produced our very first harvest of Clevedon Hall honey, a wonderful symbol of our commitment to nurturing and protecting the environment. The presence of our bees not only enriches our gardens but also reflects our dedication to sustainable land stewardship.

In addition to our bee colonies, we actively encourage and protect the diverse wildlife that visits and resides on the estate. Clevedon Hall is home to badgers, foxes, pheasants, roe

deer, and a variety of water bird species, all of which contribute to a thriving and balanced ecosystem. This rich biodiversity not only supports environmental health but also creates additional seasonal interest and natural beauty for our guests to enjoy throughout the year.

Waste Reduction & Recycling

On-Site Waste Separation

We separate waste into the following clearly labelled streams:

- Food waste
- Mixed recyclables
- General waste
- Glass

Food waste bins are clearly marked to encourage correct disposal and minimise contamination.

Responsible Disposal & Recycling

- Waste cooking oil is collected and recycled to produce biofuels.
- Waste electrical and electronic equipment is recycled via licensed carriers in line with current WEEE Regulations.
- Ink cartridges are recycled.
- All spent batteries are recycled or disposed of responsibly, with rechargeable lithium batteries used wherever possible instead of single-use alkaline batteries.

Our waste management partner recycles as much as possible:

- Food waste is used to generate biogas.
- Remaining residual waste is used for energy generation.
- Only a minimal amount goes to landfill.

Reducing Single-Use Plastics

We are committed to eliminating unnecessary single-use plastics across the venue and continually look for ways to reduce our environmental footprint.

- Clearly labelled waste bins encourage responsible recycling.
- No plastic cups are used on-site.
- Paper straws are provided in line with UK regulations restricting single-use plastic straws and stirrers.
- We have successfully achieved our target of replacing single-use toiletries in all guest bedrooms by Summer 2026.
- We are transitioning away from single-use glass water bottles in bedrooms.

Sustainable Guest Toiletries – Ecofill by Groupe GM

Clevedon Hall is now proud to use the **Ecofill system by Groupe GM**, the world's first refillable and traceable eco-friendly dispenser system, developed as part of its *Care About Earth* programme, which is committed to minimising environmental impact.

The system uses permanent dispensers, with only the refill pouches needing to be replaced. This has enabled us to reduce plastic consumption by an impressive **97% compared to single-use toiletries** and **55% compared to traditional 5-litre refill jug systems**.

The dispenser bottles and brackets are manufactured from recyclable materials, the refill pouches are 100% recyclable, and the Isula toiletries themselves contain 97% naturally derived ingredients.

Having successfully introduced this initiative across all guest bedrooms, we aim to extend the Ecofill system to our public toilet facilities, with the intention of reducing plastic consumption in these areas by a further 55%.

Water is currently supplied by Cheddar Water, sourced less than 15 miles from Clevedon Hall. The water is drawn from organic land and the company is committed to recycling and conservation through the use of recyclable materials. We are proud to support local producers who share our environmental values.

Sustainable Laundry & Cleaning

We source all of our linen from Regency Laundry. We work closely with suppliers who share our commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable business practices.

Regency Laundry operates in line with a comprehensive environmental policy focused on reducing energy consumption, conserving water, minimising waste, and lowering carbon emissions across its operations.

They invest in heat recovery systems and energy-efficient machinery to ensure that gas and electricity usage is kept to an absolute minimum. Water is recycled within their washing processes to significantly reduce overall consumption, and wastewater from their primary factory is filtered to remove microplastics before discharge. Production shifts are carefully planned for maximum efficiency, ensuring no wasted operational capacity that could result in unnecessary energy use.

In September 2024, Regency achieved its goal of purchasing 100% of its electricity from renewable-sourced (REGO-certified) supply.

Their careful washing processes extend the lifespan of textiles. When items reach the end of their service life, they are repurposed as cleaning cloths and rags for customers and local charities. In 2023, 23,000kg of end-of-life textiles were donated to The Salvation Army as part of the TSA recycling scheme.

The laundry chemicals they use hold the EU Ecolabel, ensuring reduced environmental impact throughout their lifecycle.

Regency is also proud to be one of the only UK laundries that does not use single-use plastic shrink wrap for commercial customers. Linen is packed into reusable fabric bags that are washed and reused. Even the paper tags attached to the bags are made from recyclable mono board, eliminating approximately 360,000 plastic tags per year.

Further details of their environmental commitments can be found here: https://regencylaundry.co.uk/environmental-policy/

In addition, we use eco-friendly cleaning chemicals and products throughout the venue to reduce environmental harm and maintain excellent hygiene standards responsibly.

Locally Sourced Food & Beverage

We prioritise sourcing food and beverage products locally wherever possible. Supporting regional producers:

- Reduces food miles
- Supports the local economy
- Ensures freshness and quality
- Aligns with our sustainability values

We are passionate about working with suppliers who are equally conscious of their environmental impact.

Heating & Hot Water Systems

Our heating and hot water systems are powered by:

- High-efficiency condensing gas boilers
- A biomass boiler

Our biomass fuel (wood pellets) is supplied by a UK-based company using locally sourced sustainable forests. Transportation and delivery take place solely within the UK, resulting in a low carbon footprint. Certificates of conformity are available upon request.

Electricity & Energy Efficiency

- Our electricity supplier guarantees zero-carbon origin energy, generated from nuclear and renewable sources. Certificates are available.
- We have reduced electricity consumption by approximately one-third over the past 18 months through improved operational practices.
- The majority of lighting throughout the building and grounds is LED.
- External security lighting is controlled by time clocks and photocells to minimise unnecessary consumption.
- Our car park lighting is solar powered.

Estate & Grounds Management

- The majority of gardening hand tools are battery powered, reducing CO_2 emissions and noise pollution.
- Garden waste is composted and recycled.

- Rainwater is collected and reused wherever possible, reducing reliance on mains water.

Our grounds are managed with biodiversity and long-term environmental health in mind.

Water Stewardship

Our fresh and waste water supplier operates in a sustainable and efficient manner and can provide a Statement of Sustainability upon request. We are committed to reducing water consumption wherever possible across the estate.

Accreditation

We are proud to currently hold a Bronze Green Tourism Accreditation and remain fully committed to continuously enhancing every aspect of our sustainable venue management practices.

Celebrating Responsibly

We understand that weddings and private events are once-in-a-lifetime occasions. Our goal is to ensure that your celebration not only creates unforgettable memories but also reflects a responsible approach to our shared environment.

By choosing Clevedon Hall, you are selecting a venue that is actively investing in sustainability, biodiversity, and long-term environmental care, without compromising on elegance or experience.

If you would like to discuss how we can further support sustainable choices for your wedding or private event, our team would be delighted to assist.

