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Slieve Russell Hotel  
*Golf & Country Club*

## Purchasing Policy

### **We have a Purchasing team**

With a Gold Level Green status via the 50 Shades Greener Programme any purchases made should take into consideration the impact on the Environment, Fairtrade & Durability.

### **Our Green Purchasing Policy:**

We are committed to responsible purchasing and trying to source our products and services locally where possible

We prioritise suppliers who have embedded sustainable and ethical practices, e.g. our Management uniform is sustainably sourced

We buy in bulk to reduce the energy used in transport and reduce packaging

We consider the environmental impact of our purchases and aim to reduce unnecessary packaging on all orders.

During our most recent refurbishment we have reframed pictures rather than purchase new, recycled fabrics, we have upcycled a lot of bedroom furniture and repurposed what we can during this project

### **Some examples within the hotel include:**

- The spa uses GAIA for all of the professional, retail and amenity products. The GAIA products are re-fillable to reduce waste and clients get a 20% discount when they return an empty/clean GAIA item for refilling. The majority of packaging is also glass/bamboo. The spa no longer offer paper brochures in the bedrooms or spa and use a QR code option instead.



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- The restaurants removed single use paper cups, single use condiments, individual plastic yogurt portions, pre packed cheese portions and glass jar portions of jam/marmalade.
- The kitchen now uses a local butcher who sources product from Clones for all beef feather blade, chuck beef and some lamb products. We now use our own herbs, micro salads and edible flowers from the polytunnel.
- Cardboard baling has resulted in the increased collection of clean cardboard thereby reducing landfill waste.
- In the bedrooms the accommodation team have replaced mini plastic toiletries bottles with dispensers and also replaced plastic bottles of water with tetra packs in the superior rooms.
- The Golf Club team are recycling any plastic bottles or paper that come back in from golf buggies as well as within their office and shop environment.
- In the administration offices there has been a move to become as paperless as possible. For example, in finance in the purchase ledger the majority of invoices are now received electronically and stored electronically.
- Our Banqueting Department no longer print individual menus, we print display menus for each table thus reducing the volume of paper & ink used.
- The bar is now purchasing more of its spirits locally, installed glass crushers & use our home grown mint for cocktails.
- Recent purchases of golf course machinery include Hybrid mowers by John Deere.

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