

our commitment

“The Vineyard Hotel & Spa have completed an independent and impartial on-site audit against the Green Leaf™ Environmental Standard Hotelier Framework 2011, measuring the elements of water, energy, waste, procurement, communications, innovation and corporate social investment. The Hotel obtained a score greater than 75% compliance and were issued by the Green Leaf™ Environmental Standard Certification Committee with a Silver Status level of compliance as at 21 April 2011”

energy

- Biofuel used for fireplaces.
- Green Energy certificates.
- Variable speed pump.
- Measurement equipment Power Star loggers.
- Energy cards for rooms (that switch off air conditioners and other electrical appliances upon exiting).
- Heat pumps.
- Energy efficient mini-bars in rooms.
- Sensors on doors to new wing to switch off air conditioners.

waste

- Reused paper for internal loggers.
- On-site recycling for staff and community.
- We follow the new agricultural laws that untreated protein is barred from becoming animal feed; all contaminated protein waste now goes for composting by Bokashi “fermented organic matter”.
- Excess bread frozen and supplied to a soup kitchen.
- Twin bins in conference venues for waste separation and recycling.

procurement

- Biodegradable room access cards.
- Biodegradable packaging for restaurant take-away coffee cups and picnic bags.
- Empty printer cartridges are returned, along with glass bottles and other packaging.
- Puro Fairtrade coffee (in partnership with the World Land Trust).
- Water bottled on-site Vivreau system.
- Filtered water and ice served in conference venues instead of bottled water.
- Stationery: 70% recycled pens, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified pencils, recycled paper, recycled markers and refillable in banqueting, etc.
- FSC approved veneer on wooden floors in Colinton Wing.
- Linen and towel policy with signage in all rooms only be washed on request.
- Organic fertiliser and compost used in garden.
- Hotel invoices and documents viewed on screen avoiding printing.
- Paperless system.
- Materials Control also viewed on screen.
- The Square restaurant lunch menu contents sourced within a 170km radius only.
- Brochures are now being given to guests on a memory stick/USB to reduce paper usage.
- Low volatile organic compounds (VOC) paints are used.
- Wax seals replace all envelopes used for room drops in Hotel.

water

- BES - water saving device on the extractor hood in the kitchen.
- Drip irrigation.
- Aerators on taps.
- Dual flush options.
- Low flow showerheads.
- Water saving showerheads.

conservation

- ‘Alien Clearing’ 8.5 hectare plot adopted in the Table Mountain National Park, monthly clean ups.
- Bird Life South African member.
- Two owl boxes have been set up in the garden. Do not use any pesticides in the garden.
- Tree Planting in 2009, 115 trees were planted at Crystal House School in Ottery to commemorate the Vineyard Hotel & Spa’s 115th anniversary as a Hotel.
- Clearing of litter from Liesbeeck River and surrounding property.
- SASSI members.
- Signatories to the 2° Cop17 Communiqué on Climate Change.
- Limiting the use of poisons within the Hotel by using radio-waves for extermination.

training

- Knology card game developed to aid with training.
- In-house environmental training for all staff.

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