

HICKORY

Our Green Pledge



Hickory places sustainability at the heart of everything we do.

We are constantly working towards reducing our environmental impact and carbon footprint and ultimately aim to be a sustainable catering and events company which operates a zero waste policy. Here is our proud Green Pledge:

AWARDS

- VIBES Award Winner – Best SME Award 2018
- Best Eco Friendly Award – Scotsman Food & Drink Awards 2018
- CIS Excellence Award for Sustainability
- Green Tourism Gold Award holder

OUR AIM

- Hickory is continuously developing our green initiatives and strives to ensure that there is a real culture of awareness in all aspects of our business.

GREEN TEAM

- Hickory has a Green Team made up of staff from across all departments
- The team meets quarterly to review our Green Action Plan and make sure our environmental goals are on track

WASTE AND RECYCLING

- We recycle more than 80% of all waste
- Our cooking oil is recycled into bio-diesel
- Our food waste is recycled to produce green electricity and natural bio-fertilisers.

PACKAGING

- We cook almost everything from scratch, resulting in better tasting, healthier, chemical-free food and avoiding the excess packaging found with processed, bought-in products.
- For big outdoor events we use Vegware, the UK's first and only completely compostable food packaging to work towards our goal of 100% zero landfill waste.
- No plastic straws!

THINKING LOCALLY

- We actively seek out local Scottish suppliers and small artisan producers to reduce food miles and support Scottish farms, fishermen, dairies, cheesemakers, butchers, bakers and more.
- We recruit and train our staff locally to boost community employment.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

- We monitor our energy usage and in our own venues and those of our clients we try to operate energy saving protocols
- We are successfully reducing the amount of energy used per customer each year while still growing the business

OUR GUESTS

We encourage our guests to help us operate sustainably by:

- Passing on any waste to staff for recycling
- Using public transport links to reach our events
- Saving water in bathrooms

Just think of the possibilities if every event chose to be as sustainable as possible!