

# OPERATING LOCALLY BUT THINKING GLOBALLY!

**Hostelling Scotland** is committed to ensuring that our activities complement and support the natural environment we operate within

We're pleased to say that **91 per cent** of our youth hostels are now rated **Silver or above** in the Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS).

Sustainability, by definition, never ends, so we will continue to work to reduce our impact on the environment, engaging with local communities and guests to promote sustainable practices. Recent initiatives include:

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THE INTRODUCTION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT **LED LIGHTING** ACROSS THE NETWORK



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WHERE POSSIBLE, WE NOW SERVE FOOD SOURCED FROM **LOCAL AND SCOTTISH SUPPLIERS**



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**REPLACING GAS COOKERS** IN OUR SELF-CATERING KITCHENS WITH FULLY ELECTRIC HOBS AND OVENS ACTIVELY REDUCES OUR USE OF FOSSIL FUELS



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DUAL FLUSH TOILETS HELP REDUCE OUR **WATER USAGE**



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INEFFICIENT AND OLD BOILERS ARE BEING REPLACED WITH **ENERGY-EFFICIENT BOILERS**



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CONNECTION OF LOCH OSSIAN TO A **HYDROELECTRIC SUPPLY** SUPPLEMENTED WITH PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER



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RENEWAL OF THE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM TO IMPROVE ITS EFFICIENCY AT GLEN AFFRIC TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE **WIND TURBINE**



08 **IMPROVING THE INSULATION**

ACROSS THE NETWORK REDUCING UNNECESSARY HEAT LOSS



09 INTRODUCING HEAT RECOVERY SYSTEMS TO VARIOUS HOSTELS WHICH INCREASES THE **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**



10 WE'VE INTRODUCED **ECO-FRIENDLY CLEANING PRODUCTS** TO ALL OF OUR HOSTELS

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**BIKE STORAGE FACILITIES** ARE CURRENTLY AT THE MAJORITY OF OUR HOSTELS AND WHERE POSSIBLE WE ARE LOOKING TO EXTEND THESE



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WE'RE CONSCIOUS OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDING OUR HOSTELS AND OUR TEAMS WORK WITH PARTNERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT THESE **NATURAL HABITATS**



Beach clean in Ullapool

