



We've always understood the fragile balance of the environment and the demands we all make on it. Sustainability is at the heart of everything we do at Bosinver; it drives everything from the way we manage our land to how we run our business. Our aim is to give all our guests a magical, memorable holiday, while minimising the impact we have on the environment – find out more in our [Environmental Statement](#).

With over 100 people staying at the farm every week, we know we've got an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of environmental issues and act as example to our guests. If we can encourage all our guests to change just one thing, over time this can have a big impact.

We think about how every decision we make affects the environment, and this affects our choice of suppliers to how we construct and manage our buildings. For example, the cubicles in our swimming pool changing rooms were made from recycled plastic detergent and fabric conditioner bottles. Our indoor swimming pool is heated by solar energy and renewable technologies and we have a PV solar array to generate 50% of our electricity needs.

### **Our eco-house**

As part of our commitment to sustainable tourism, we built a **zero carbon eco-house Lowen** in 2011. Lowen was made from reclaimed timber and lime rendered straw bales. It's carbon neutral and energy self-sufficient, using PV panels and a ground source heat pump to provide electricity, heating and hot water to the house. Lowen generates enough electricity to power itself plus two other cottages and send energy back to the grid.

### **Our environment**

We have 30 acres of diverse habitat, farmed organically with ancient hedgerows and untended field margins, wildflower meadows, wetland, woodland, and our own private lake. We've put up barn owl and bat boxes and create bug hotels to help provide homes for wildlife. Find out more about **nature and wildlife at Bosinver**

### **Recycling at Bosinver**

We have recycling bags and compost caddies in all cottages and encourage all our guests to use them. By making it easy for our guests to recycle and encouraging them to recycle their waste we've significantly reduced the amount of waste we send to landfill – 98% of our waste is recycled. We also raise money from the recycling that we collect; the proceeds go to support our local playgroup in St Mewan. Find out more about **recycling at Bosinver**.

### **Outdoor Play**

Childhoods were once spent outside, enjoying everything nature has to offer. Woodland walks, wellie hunts and the Gruffalo trail are just some of the activities that Pat and Dave have created to bring guests of all ages closer to the abundance of nature on our doorstep. From wetland to woodland, hedgerows to wildflower meadows, everyone who stays at Bosinver is encouraged to learn about and make the most of these very special places.

## Sustainable holidays in Cornwall

We encourage our guests to act sustainably by:

Promoting local days out using public transport – we've created a free e-book guide to family days out from Bosinver by public transport, '**50 things to do without a car**'.

- Refunding taxi journeys from the station to Bosinver if guests come without a car.
- Providing information about recycling, compost caddies and recycling bags to encourage guests to recycle their waste while they're here.
- Using guests' leftover food to feed our animals or turning it into compost to use in the gardens.
- Running activities with guests such as planting native tree species to encourage wildlife
- Providing secure cycle storage plus bikes available to guests, and links to a local cycle hire company who deliver to Bosinver.
- Offering an electric car charging point at Lowen.

## Our Community

Wherever possible, Pat and Dave always try to support other talented local producers and businesses. Whether it's that amazing light fitting in your cottage's living room or the frozen meal you order for your arrival, you can be sure they've tried to source the very best local products from local companies, artists and craftspeople.

We also support the **People and Gardens' Veg Bag Scheme** which gives people with emotional and physical difficulties opportunities to work, as well as giving our guests the chance to enjoy fresh, local produce.

## Local Networks

We are proud to be Ambassadors for the Cornwall Sustainable Tourism Forum (COaST) and Business Members and supporters of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

## Our Sustainability Awards

- 2017 Winner of Cornwall Sustainability Award for Longstanding Commitment to Sustainability
- Green Tourist Business Scheme – Gold Award (held since 2008)
- Cornwall Sustainability Award for Connecting Your Business With Nature
- Trip Advisor Green Leader Platinum Award

## Our awards

The effort and quality Pat and Dave have brought to Bosinver has been **recognised both locally and nationally**. They won Gold at the 2015 Visit England Awards and in 2017 were national winners of the first VisitEngland Familyfriendly Accommodation award, which both take pride of place alongside numerous other accolades. From multiple Gold awards at the Cornwall Tourism Awards to Green Tourism awards, **Bosinver has been recognised for its excellence year after year** and time and time again.

