

B&B Rafters' pledge to cut carbon emission

We are committed to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

We have started that journey a long time ago. This is what has been done so far

In spring 2025 we were able to get solar panels fitted, as well as a Zappy EV charging point for our guests use. This project has been part-funded by the UK Government (Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government) through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with Vale of White Horse District Council as the lead authority. All the work carried out on this project was done by local businesses.



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- Choosing an energy supplier who sources most of their electricity from renewable resources
- Monitor energy usage on a regular basis to spot any irregularities and be able to take action
- Getting highly efficient double-glazed windows fitted
- Updating appliances to low-energy ones
- Changing lighting to low-energy alternatives
- Changing traditional radiator valves to smart valves, allowing the guests to control the room temperature more precisely
- Avoiding single use packaging
- Avoiding to buy products with excessive plastic packaging
- Providing organic toiletries
- Buying local and organic produce whenever possible
- Making jams in-house from local fruit and baking sourdough bread using our very own sourdough starter
- Reducing food waste
- Planting lots of shrubs and trees in the garden. We choose to plant a 20-meter-long bamboo-hedge on the inside of the fence on one side of the property. The bamboo is now about 4 meters high [A quote from <https://kibodo.shop/en/blogs/infos> "**bamboo absorbs 5 times more greenhouse gases and produces 35% more oxygen than an equivalent volume of trees!**"]

What is planned for the future

- Growing enough tomato plants (from own seeds) in the back garden to supply the B&B during UK's tomato season
- All appliances that will need replacing will have the lowest energy consumption on the market at the time

Last but not least we are kindly asking our guests to get involved reducing the B&B's carbon footprint. Here are some easy ways for you to help:

- Leave recyclable items next to the bin in your room
- Choose the filtered tap water we provide in the rooms instead of bottled water
- Make sure you have switched off all the lights when leaving your room
- Please choose a sensible room temperature and do not turn the smart radiator valve to full power and then open the windows to compensate for an overheated room
- Consider using the bus (the bus stop is just a 2-minute walk from the B&B) to get into Oxford and/or Abingdon instead of using your car/motorbike