

Horwood House

At Horwood House, our ethos of **Hospitality from the Heart** extends beyond the guest experience to the way we care for our estate and its future. **The Green House** brings this commitment together through **six sustainability pillars**, each shaping a more responsible Horwood House.

Our Sustainability Strategy: The Green House

Our Six Sustainability Pillars:



1. THE GARDEN

Nurturing nature and enhancing biodiversity



2. THE KITCHEN

Serving seasonal, local and responsibly sourced food



3. THE STAY

Thoughtful comfort with a lighter footprint



4. THE GATHERING

Meaningful moments and experiences with purpose



5. THE WORKSHOP

Upcycle, create and craftsmanship in action



6. THE HEARTH

Creating warmth, connection and giving back

SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

These are just a few of the ways we're making a difference at Horwood House

OVER
£38,000



to Crisis UK
through various
in-house initiatives



Greengage
ECOsmart
Gold Award
2026



Zero Waste
to Landfill
certification
certified by

wastetech.

£31,000



Through supporting donations,
sponsorships, charity work and
community initiatives



Improved EPC
(Energy Performance
Certificate) rating from
C to B

Measured Carbon Baseline

717.53 tCO₂e

reported through HCMI across
Scope 1, Scope 2 and partial Scope 3
(outsourced laundry emissions)

Planning an event?

Scan to see its carbon footprint!



Step inside our Green House

Scan to discover our purpose



We're on the
IMPACT portal



1. THE GARDEN

- **25,000+ bees** live in our Urban Bee-lievers charity hive, supporting biodiversity and students gaining hands-on beekeeping skills. Urban Bee-lievers is a social enterprise working with young people who are not in education or training to help them gain vital work experience and qualifications.
- Urban Bee-lievers learners are mentored by our chefs, turning estate honey into baked creations.
- As seen on TV, numerous **Butterfly Houses** painted by local schoolchildren, form part of our Butterfly Trail, recognised by BBC News, ITV News, The Times and supported by **Sir David Attenborough**.
- Water-wise planting, Hydroballs and rainwater irrigation help us protect the gardens, guided by local Wildlife Trust experts.

2. THE KITCHEN

- From speciality breads to handmade chocolates, desserts and guest gifts, our award winning chefs make it all. It keeps everything personal to Horwood House, and we know exactly what goes into each product and where every ingredient comes from.
- Our garden foraging feeds straight into the kitchen, from seasonal apples to wild garlic, mint, rosemary and blackberries.
- As **Platinum Partners** with **Willen Hospice**, we support the charity all year through fundraising, hospitality and food donations. That has included 350 canapés for a black-tie fundraiser and 750 sausage rolls for the Midnight Walk.



3. THE STAY

- Guests staying two nights or more can skip daily room service, reducing water, energy and cleaning use while helping to contribute to the **£38,000+** donated to Crisis UK.
- Bamboo key cards, bamboo door hangers, bamboo pens and eco-cork guest directories bring more thoughtful materials into the guest experience.
- Filtered still and sparkling water comes in reusable glass bottles. Where guests prefer bottled, we serve Thirsty Planet, and every bottle funds Pump Aid clean-water projects.
- Johnsons Hotel Linen, our Silver EcoVadis-rated linen partner, helps our bedding and towels last longer through reuse and repurposing.

4. THE GATHERING

- The Crisis Charity Coffee Lounge is a space for guests, delegates and local co-workers to meet over a coffee, and every sale supports Crisis UK.
- **Package with a Purpose** lets corporate clients add impact to their events, with upcycled furniture, reused event pieces and local charity partnerships to support their CSR goals.
- Our Experiential Packages combine corporate team building with meaningful charity engagement. From our Honey Tastings to Cocktail Masterclasses, every experience is designed to showcase and support the incredible work of our charity partners.

5. THE WORKSHOP

- The **Crisis Charity Coffee** Lounge was created with Crisis UK and Recoup from second-hand furniture, salvaged materials and old headboards turned wall panelling.
- Package with a Purpose is built on upcycled furniture and reused event pieces, with vintage crockery and serving dishes sourced from Willen Hospice and other local charity shops.
- The Gate House and Wishing Well restorations reused original tiles where possible, with reclaimed ones sourced to match the building's heritage.



This space features furniture from as early as the 1850s, with reclaimed and repurposed items beginning their reimagined second lives.

Each and every piece in this room has a thousand tales to tell. At Recoup, we have worked collaboratively with Crisis members to help tell these stories.

Recoup x Crisis Together we will and we will succeed

6. THE HEARTH

- Every team member gets two paid charity days a year.
- Our Young Women's Leadership Course, created with Women Leaders UK, supports women entering hospitality.
- Menu Masters has Year 9 students designing restaurant concepts and menus, then being mentored by our chefs.
- Our refurbished old computers go to local schools.
- Our senior team give university talks on hotel operations and hospitality careers.
- We sponsor Mursley United FC and support schools, charities and village events with donations, raffle prizes and free use of space.

Explore our full sustainability policy and initiatives on our website
www.horwoodhouse.co.uk/sustainability.html