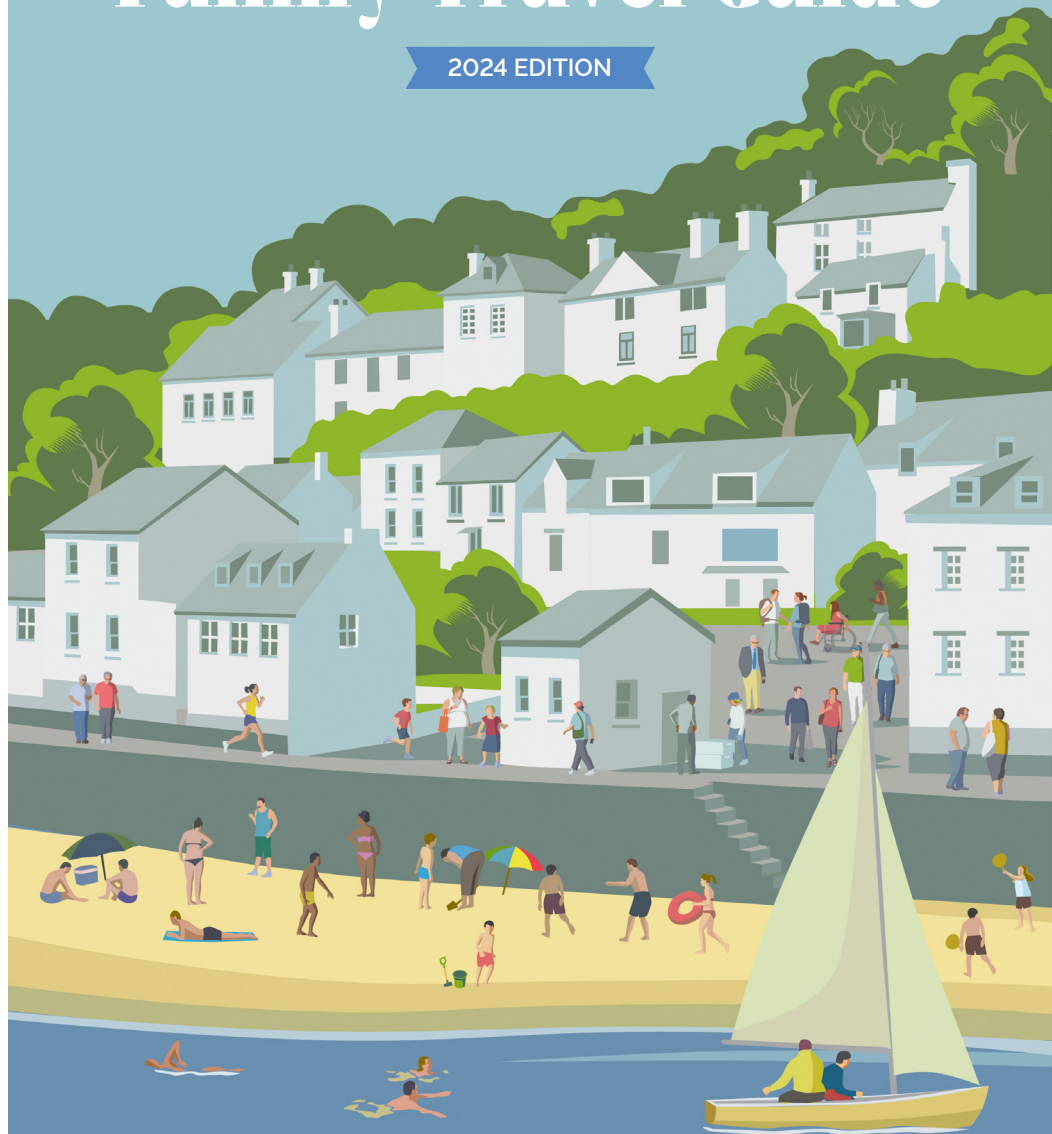


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## Family Travel Guide 2024

**H**ello! I am so excited to bring you our new Family Travel Guide 2024. There's everything inside to help you plan the best luxurious eco adventures for you and your family this year. And now's a great time to do it!

Inside you'll find our favourite eco accommodation - each listing includes extra information about their family friendly facilities and green credentials. So look no further to find the best break for you and your little ones in the coming year. From cosy off-grid glamping spots to spacious self-catering barns for the last word in eco luxury, there's something here for everyone.

This year marks the launch of our Green Parent Family Travel Awards - we asked you for your favourite places to stay, best travel products and more. You'll find all the winners inside this handy guide to help you make the best choice when booking a family break in 2024.








And, as a bonus, you'll also find our top 13 secret family adventures. We'd love to hear from you in preparation for next year's guide - drop us an email with your favourite holiday destination, attraction or festival and we'll include next year.

Happy holidaying!

**Melissa Corkhill** - Editor

*letters@thegreenparent.co.uk*

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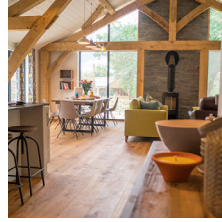


## North Hayne Farm Cottages



Set in beautiful North Devon, our 8 family friendly award winning cottages sleep 2-10 each with their own private hot tub to relax in at the end of a busy day.

Come and help feed the animals twice a day, collect the eggs, bottle feed the Spring lambs, groom the goats, hold the chicks and enjoy daily donkey rides each morning. Enjoy outdoor freedom with our farm trails and Free Rangers Club. EYFS curriculum-based activity packs also available, an indoor Games Room and Under 7's Play barn, locally prepared meals to order as well as Holistic therapy treatments.



### FAMILY FACILITIES

Hot tubs, Animals, Autism Friendly, Holistic Therapies, Activity clubs, Donkey rides.

**GREEN CREDENTIALS** Plastic free champions, Local Suppliers, Bat walks, Nature trails, energy management, waste management.

**LOCATION** North Hayne Farm, Bishops Nympton, South Molton, Devon EX36 3QR

**WEB** [northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk](http://northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk)

**EMAIL** [info@northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk](mailto:info@northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk)

**TEL** 01769 550807 **SLEEPS** 2 - 10

(or up to 47 if whole complex booked)

**PRICES FROM Weekly:** £615 **Short Stay:** £399

## Coombe Mill Farm Holidays



Coombe Mill is set in a beautiful valley in Cornwall. There are self catering luxury lodges overlooking the River Camel.

With families very much in mind, each lodge has at least one, cot, bed guards, blackout blinds, highchairs and stair gates fitted at the top and bottom. Some lodges have playgrounds. There are play areas to explore including a games room, soft play, outdoor play areas and a mini golf course. There are daily morning tractor rides, giving children a hands on opportunity to feed the animals. There's a gym, BBQ area and pizza oven as well as Carp fishing.



### FAMILY FACILITIES

Daily Animal Feeding, Playrooms, Games Room, Soft Play, Pitch Putt

**GREEN CREDENTIALS** Solar Panel, Ground Source Heat Pumps, Bore Hole Water

**LOCATION** Coombe Mill, St Breward,

Bodmin, Cornwall PL30 4LZ **SLEEPS** 4 - 8

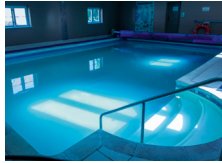
**WEB** [coombemill.com](http://coombemill.com) **TEL** 01208 850344

**EMAIL** [mail@coombemill.com](mailto:mail@coombemill.com)

**PRICES FROM** Weekly: £550 Short Stay: £300



## The Middlewick



Middlewick is an award winning resort set at the base of Glastonbury Tor in Somerset. Set on a 16 acre 17th Century farm there is a selection of self catering

properties including luxury cottages, cabins and glamping sleeping from 1 to 60 people. Also on the resort you will find a family friendly café serving a

menu that is locally sourced, many ingredients coming from the Middlewick kitchen gardens or from the neighbouring farms. Attached to the café is a farm shop selling local produce and organic food. Within the grounds there is a Spa with indoor swimming pool, steam room, yoga space as well as 3 Converted shepherds huts that are now treatment rooms. On the farm you will find a selection of pet sheep, goats and horses. The property is in a rural location but close enough to walk into the town of Glastonbury. A few miles away is the Avalon Marshes nature reserve, Cheddar Gorge, and the smallest city in England, Wells.

### FAMILY FACILITIES

Pizza Nights, Open All Year Round  
**GREEN CREDENTIALS** Biomass heating, Solar Panels, Onsite Farm Shop, Gold winner of the Somerset tourism Responsible, Ethical and Sustainable business 2023.

**ADDRESS** Wick Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 8JW

**WEB** [themiddlewick.co.uk](http://themiddlewick.co.uk) **TEL** 01458 832 351

**EMAIL** [hello@themiddlewick.co.uk](mailto:hello@themiddlewick.co.uk) **SLEEPS** 1-60

**PRICES FROM** Weekly: £600 Short Stay: £240

## Pegs and Pitches Camping



Two off-grid campsites in beautiful Sussex woodlands. Family focused and perfect for breaks into nature, with group areas available for larger

family gatherings. Surrounded by acres of wild woodland which is yours to explore, watch wildlife, build dens, bug hunt, or hike to the local pubs for lunch. Bell tents for those without their own tents - just bring your bedding and everything else is provided. Tent pitches for those with their own equipment, tucked away in woodland glades and each with its own campfire. Get back to basics and reconnect with nature and your loved ones.

### FAMILY FACILITIES

Campfire Cooking, Woodland exploration, Den Building, Wildlife, Stargazing, FireTV, Walks  
**GREEN CREDENTIALS** Off-Grid, Bucket Showers, Campfire Cooking, Enhanced Wildlife Habitats, Renewable Energy

**LOCATION** Beech Estate Campsite, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9QU; Wild Boar Wood Campsite, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7EA

**WEB** [pegsandpitches.co.uk](http://pegsandpitches.co.uk) **TEL** 01273 980218

**EMAIL** [info@pegsandpitches.co.uk](mailto:info@pegsandpitches.co.uk)

**CAMPING PRICES FROM** £24 per adult and £12 per child. **GLAMPING PRICES FROM** £85 per night



## Secret Meadows



Midweek stays outside of school holidays. 4 nights for the price of 3. Quote GREEN PAREN 2024

### FAMILY FACILITIES

Nature trails, farm animals, outdoor activities, onsite shop, hot tub  
**GREEN CREDENTIALS** Recycling, natural/organic products, sustainably sourced wood, local produce food hampers  
**LOCATION** Nr Woodbridge, Suffolk **SLEEPS** 4-8  
**WEB** [secretmeadows.co.uk](http://secretmeadows.co.uk) **TEL** 01394 337337  
**EMAIL** [holidays@secretmeadows.co.uk](mailto:holidays@secretmeadows.co.uk)  
**PRICES FROM** Weekly: £1012 Short Stay: £332



Set at a beautiful nature reserve, close to the Suffolk Coast AONB, Secret Meadows takes glamping to new heights with award winning accommodation, activities such as Meet the Animals, and special packages including food hampers. Luxury Lodge Tents, a Two Storey Safari Tent, Gypsy's Rest and Horsebox Hideaway are set in individual woodland glades overlooking wildflower meadows. Each accommodation option includes organic towels, ready-made beds, complimentary extras, luxury furnishings and private facilities. An onsite pantry shop is full of locally-sourced quality produce. Guided by an environmental ethos and owned by a wildlife charity, all profits go to nature conservation.



## Rural Retreats



Comfortable, stylish and full of character, the Rural Retreats portfolio represents over 800 of the finest self-catering luxury holiday properties throughout the UK and Ireland. For three consecutive years, Rural Retreats have come top of the table of UK Holiday Cottage Companies compiled by Which?. From quintessential cottages and country houses to quirky windmills and lighthouses; from big and beautiful homes to romantic getaways and dog friendly stays, you're sure to find the perfect holiday home with Rural Retreats.

### FAMILY FACILITIES

Games rooms, hot tubs, spa facilities, tennis courts, walking/cycling nearby (some properties)  
**GREEN CREDENTIALS** Some properties across the portfolio feature solar panels, air source heating pumps, ground source heating pumps, biomass heating, walking/cycling trails, wildlife areas, natural settings  
**LOCATION** Across the UK and Ireland  
**WEB** [ruralretreats.co.uk](http://ruralretreats.co.uk) **TEL** 01386 897 959  
**EMAIL** [info@ruralretreats.co.uk](mailto:info@ruralretreats.co.uk) **SLEEPS** 2 - 31  
**PRICES FROM** Weekly: £467 Short Stay: £165







# Hideaways Holidays



Find your perfect getaway within our Hideaways Holidays family. The Hideaways Holidays Group is dedicated to providing a wide range of top-quality self-catering accommodation across the

UK. Variety and originality are at the heart of the Group, but so too are consistently high standards of comfort, service and value for money. Companies within the Group include eight regional brands (collectively offering over 1,100 properties) covering

Norfolk, Suffolk, the Cotswolds, Dorset, Devon, the Isle of Wight, Yorkshire and Cornwall and then in the glamping sector, Glamping Hideaways.

## FAMILY FACILITIES



Games rooms, hot tubs, walking/cycling nearby, bird watching (some properties)

**GREEN CREDENTIALS** Some properties across the portfolio feature solar panels, air source heat pumps, walking trails, biomass heating.

**LOCATION** Across the UK **SLEEPS** 2 - 31

**WEB** [hideawaysholidays.co.uk](https://hideawaysholidays.co.uk)

**PRICES FROM** Weekly: £331 Short Stay: £150





## Greener Camping Club



Experience the best in eco-friendly camping with the Greener Camping Club. Over 160 members-only campsites spread across England and Wales, providing

environmentally conscious families with a haven of sustainable getaways. Immerse yourself in nature at our carefully chosen campsites, where eco-friendly practices take precedence. Enjoy back to nature camping with eco-facilities, renewable energy supplies and waste recycling initiatives. Discover a community dedicated to preserving and enhancing the natural environment, fostering a sense of unity with like-minded people. From tranquil countryside settings, to dramatic coastal locations, our campsites offer unforgettable and responsible holiday experiences. And for those seeking a little bit of eco-camping

luxury, many of our campsites offer 'glamping' accommodation too. Join the Club today and create your everlasting memories. To find your greener escape, go to [www.greenercamping.org](http://www.greenercamping.org) Club membership is £12 for the calendar year.

### GREEN CREDENTIALS

Each year the Club plants a tree for every member. The trees are distributed to our campsites and planted by the owners. In 2023 alone, around 17,500 trees were planted - equivalent to 22 acres of new woodland. In addition, the Club sows more than two acres of wild flower seed, creating feeding grounds for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. We also distribute hundreds of nesting boxes and bat boxes. As well as supporting the work of the Woodland Trust through corporate membership, annual donations are made to selected environmental and humanitarian causes.

# Oyster Worldwide



Think outside the box and do something different this year with your family. While others will be booking the predictable two weeks in a hotel by the pool in Spain, your family could be releasing baby turtles in Costa Rica, tracking elephants in Namibia or Sri Lanka, spotting wildlife and reforestation in Borneo, or caring for baby baboons in South Africa. We love to work with intrepid families who are keen to get off the beaten track and to make a genuine contribution to a volunteering project. We offer bespoke volunteer trips

to allow you and your family to get involved for one or two weeks. Trips are designed with your family's needs in mind, from bolt on tour options to inclusive transfers, food and accommodation. For more information, please browse the extensive family page and get in touch today to book your 2024 adventure!

## GREEN CREDENTIALS

Animal welfare protection, conservation work, community driven projects, supporting local produce and businesses



[WEB oysterworldwide.com/travellers/family-volunteering-trips/](http://WEB.oysterworldwide.com/travellers/family-volunteering-trips/)  
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# Off the Beaten Track

13 little-known family adventures



From Scotland's mountainside garden to the magical land of Lilidorei in Northumberland, the UK has plenty of unique but little-visited spots. Here are some of our favourite unexpected attractions, activities and places to visit

## 1 Enter a world of myth

Lilidorei is located in the heart of Northumberland, far from the hustle and bustle of city life. When in Lilidorei visitors will discover a magical, mysterious village full of play that is home to nine clans. It's all about imaginary and physical play. Although there are no inhabitants in the village visitors may hear members of the clan with an immersive soundscape that allows you to find out more about how they live. A great way to encourage every family member's playfulness, to be immersed in a magical world of strange sounds, storytelling and myths. [lilidorei.alnwick.co.uk](http://lilidorei.alnwick.co.uk)



**2 Visit a little slice of Italy** Portmeirion village, located just outside the Snowdonia National Park, is a dreamy hideaway in Wales. Apart from its iconic architecture, scenic surroundings and vast woodland gardens, Portmeirion is home to historic cottages and the Welsh Highland Railways. There's lots to do in and around this quirky Italianate village. [portmeirion.wales](http://portmeirion.wales)

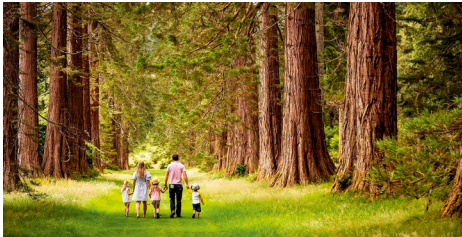




### 3 Climb the highest mountain in Wales

Yr Wyddfa, also known as Snowdon, is one of Wales' most famous and recognizable landmarks. There are six different walking paths visitors can choose from to climb the 1000 metre Welsh mountain. The Snowdonia National Park Authority has created an app that guides visitors on the six routes to the summit of Yr Wyddfa. Llanberis Path is the easiest and longest

of the main paths. Originally, tourists were carried up this path on ponies and mules, and to this day it continues to be a pony path. The path is best for first timers who are comfortable with active mountain hikes. The route begins at the village of Llanberis, which is easily reached by public transport. Making use of the local bus service can be a fast, efficient and sustainable way to get to the starting point. [visitsnowdonia.info](http://visitsnowdonia.info)



### 4 See an avenue of redwoods

In its wonderful mountainside setting, Benmore Botanic Garden in Dunoon is steeped in history and surrounded by dramatic scenery. Located at the gateway of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, its 120 acres are home to a world-famous collection of plants from the Orient and the Himalaya to North and South America, including over 300 species of rhododendrons. Visitors are welcomed by an avenue of 150-year-old Giant Redwoods, which is considered one of the finest entrances to any botanic garden. The garden can be visited all year round, from the vibrant blooms of rhododendrons and azaleas in early spring, striking Eucryphias of late summer and breath-taking displays of autumn leaves. Once you've soaked up all the spectacular nature, enjoy delicious home bakes, snacks and refreshments at the Redwood Café. [rbge.org.uk](http://rbge.org.uk)

### 5 Hunt for sea glass

The lively harbour town of Seaham, found on the Durham Heritage Coast is world-famous for its abundance of unique sea glass. Sea Glass is man-made glass which has been discarded into the sea and shaped by the sea over several years before returning to the shore. The different coloured glass can be found on many beaches, but the amount of glass and the different colours visitors can find at Seaham make it a 'must-visit' site for collectors from all ages. [thisisdurham.com](http://thisisdurham.com)



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## 6 Feast on seaweed

Garron Point is just one of the many spectacular headlands along the Antrim Coast Road and the wonderful Glens of Antrim. From this location, visitors are treated to views of the Scottish coastline. Garron Point is located just north of the beautiful stone harbour village of Carnlough and one of the largest areas of blanket bog in Northern Ireland. Garron Point is known as the Magpie Coast due to the distinctive white and blackish colouring of the limestone and basalt cliffs. It's a great spot for a picnic and in summer, residents sell the salty seaweed known as dulce to visitors. [discovernorthernireland.com](http://discovernorthernireland.com)



## 7 Spot seals

What better way to spend time by the coast than in the company of seals? The colony at Blakeney Point in Norfolk is made up of Common and Grey seals and in recent winters has been one of the biggest colonies in England. The best way to get up close is to book onto one of the locally operated ferry trips departing from Morston Quay. The seals often pop up and swim around the boats, and the route usually sails close to the ones basking on the beach too. [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)



## 8 Sample the finest garlic

The Isle of Wight Garlic Festival is an annual event held in August on this small island located off the southern coast of England. It is a popular food festival that celebrates all things garlic. Try everything from garlic-infused foods, sauces, oils, and even garlic ice-cream. There's also live music, entertainment and arts and craft stalls. [garlicfestival.co.uk](http://garlicfestival.co.uk)

## 9 Skim a stone to win

The World Stone Skimming Championships provide a captivating spectacle every September in Argyll. Sign up and try to skim flat stones across the water. Whose stone covers the longest distance claims the championship title. The competition attracts over 300 contestants from around the world, and plenty of people turn up to watch! The championships are open to individuals of any age and skill level – get practicing! [stoneskimming.com](http://stoneskimming.com)







## 10 Ride a sea tractor

Burgh Island is an iconic South Devon landmark separated from the mainland by a tidal beach. This island is accessible on foot across the beach at low tide, or via sea tractor when the tide is high. The island is well known for its links to Agatha Christie, the art-deco inspired hotel and as well as a one-time haunt for pirates and smugglers. The infamous art-deco inspired Burgh Island Hotel has housed some famous guests. Every year during the Agatha Christie Festival the Burgh Island Hotel hosts an 'in costume' lunch, and visitors can see the actual spots on the island that made their way into Dame Agatha's books. [burghisland.com](http://burghisland.com)



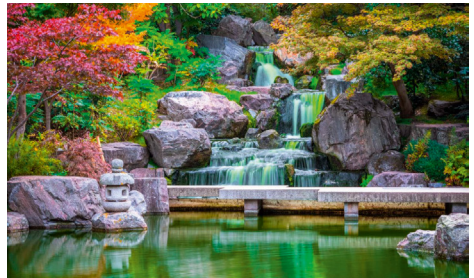
## 11 Roll a cheese

The Cheese Rolling Festival held in Gloucestershire, every May is a peculiar event where participants chase a rolling cheese wheel down Cooper's Hill. Thousands of people gather annually for this bizarre competition, with over 40 contests taking part. The Master of Ceremonies releases a nine-pound wheel of Double Gloucester cheese at the top of the hill, and the first person to reach the bottom wins the contest and a whole lot of cheese!



## 12 Hire bikes for beautiful scenic cycling

Whether you're looking for an adventure, a great family day out, or world-class scenery, Cumbria and the Lake District are the perfect destinations to ride a bike. Sustrans recommend a fantastic 3-mile family-friendly ride that takes you from the picturesque town of Keswick through some of the Lake District's loveliest scenery along a traffic-free route. You arrive at the village of Threlkeld in the shadow of the Blencathra Mountain. There's plenty of places to hire bikes in the region and lots more traffic free trails to choose from. [sustrans.org.uk](http://sustrans.org.uk)



## 13 See the cherry blossom

The Kyoto Garden in London's Holland Park was designed by renowned Japanese landscape architects, who created a stunning green space encircling a large pond fed by a tiered waterfall. The pond is surrounded by stone lanterns and lush plants native to Japan. A small bridge crosses over the water, while shoals of colourful koi carp swim below. Lurking around the vegetation in search of insects is a flock of (fairly tame) peacocks. The garden's Japanese maple trees are particularly striking during the autumn months and in springtime, the Sakura trees' cherry blossoms bloom exuberantly with thousands of pink petals.



# FAMILY TRAVEL AWARDS

2024 WINNERS - SELF CATERING HOLIDAYS

## DEVON



### **WINNER** North Haynes Farm Cottages, [northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk](http://northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk)

Self catering farm holidays that support nature (with nature trails around the farm and tree planting) and the local community (using local suppliers in their welcome packs). They are Plastic Free Champions and provide beach clean bags for guests to borrow. North Haynes are also accredited members of the International Exmoor Dark Skies Reserve programme and have a star gazing pack complete with telescope available for young astronomers. They also offer bat walks and talks, a forest school club, sensory activities and more. The cottages are heated using a bio mass heater and air source heat pump. They are North Devon Biosphere Partnership members and last year were announced as Gold Tourism Award winners.



### **HIGHLY COMMENDED**

#### **Pickwell Manor,** [pickwellmanor.co.uk](http://pickwellmanor.co.uk)

The heating system and hot water is generated by bio mass plant. 40% of electricity is generated by a solar plant with the balance coming from 100% renewable electricity. Water is provided by on site bore hole and treatment plant. There are electric bikes available to hire to explore the Devonshire hills, they've swapped out for all green toiletries and Who Gives a Crap looroll plus set up beehives to boost biodiversity. They have achieved the Green tourism Gold award and Trip advisor 5 star rating.

## CORNWALL



### **WINNER** **Seascape Escape** [windsworth.org.uk](http://windsworth.org.uk)

This is truly a chance to switch off – there's no wifi at this old stone longhouse, built of local materials. The house systems are all powered

by the sun, a local tree surgeon and by the guests. This is a holiday unlike any other. It's gloriously quiet – and the views over land and sea are stunning. The house stands in a secluded location within 70-acres of private nature reserve, so guests can get up close to wildlife. There's a home-built wood-fired hot tub, and at dusk, nestled in here you might spot bats, foxes, deer. Windsworth won Gold in South West Tourism's Better Environment Award in 2023.

### **HIGHLY COMMENDED**

#### **Lower Trengale** [trengale.co.uk](http://trengale.co.uk)



Lower Trengale Farm Holiday Cottages, are committed to promoting sustainable practices. They have solar panels

to generate clean energy, cottages are fitted with water saving devices, eco cleaning products are provided and recycling encouraged. Even down to thermal curtains being used to reduce the need for excessive heating. The on-site honesty shop offers locally sourced products.

## 2024 WINNERS - SELF CATERING HOLIDAYS



### SOMERSET



#### WINNER

##### **Middlewick, [themiddlewick.co.uk](http://themiddlewick.co.uk)**

The Middlewick is run by Jill Barker, founder of Green Baby and author of Baby Green. Jill's new venture is run as a sustainable business setting an example for other businesses on how to be eco. The cottages, glamping, Spa, Farm Shop and Cafe are all powered with alternative environmental energy. The Farm Shop and Cafe use Local or Organic Sustainable ingredients throughout. The Spa uses natural and environmentally friendly products. Ingredients for the delicious food from the café is mostly grown in the cottage garden on site and there's a commitment to zero waste policy for the farm shop and cafe.



#### HIGHLY COMMENDED

##### **Riverside Holiday Village, [westcountryparks.co.uk](http://westcountryparks.co.uk)**

In partnership with zero carbon specialists, Energy Oasis, Riverside Holiday Village have invested in a mass solar panel installation. No waste goes to landfill. The appliances are all being swapped out for energy efficient models and there is LED and PIR on demand lighting. Water is air-infused for lower consumption. Plans are in place to bring in heat pump technology. Last spring, they took the David Bellamy Blooming Marvellous Pledge for Nature.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE

#### WINNER Bibury Farm Barns, [biburyfarm.com](http://biburyfarm.com)



At Bibury Farm Barns there is no oil or gas on site - all heat and hot water within the 5 luxury (and heavily insulated) barns

is provided by ground source heat pump. The solar scheme they fitted powers four of the properties and the office in the daytime. They use sustainable, ethical brands, such as Ecover wherever possible in guest supplies. They partner with the most local food producers for the generous complimentary breakfast hampers. This minimises food miles wherever possible. They use glass over plastic wherever possible and have a strict recycling policy.

### OXFORDSHIRE

#### WINNER Eco Chic Holiday Cottages, [ecochiccottages.com](http://ecochiccottages.com)



Ahead of the curve in so many areas, Eco Chic Cottages has been run as a carbon neutral business since 2010. They installed an

EC charger in 2013. They live by the maxim - 'where luxury and sustainability meet' and advocate the 'many small steps' approach to building sustainability into their business model. Insulation has been installed in each nook and cranny of the cottages. Gardens are managed organically where possible and there's a wild meadow area. There's an owl nesting box, hedgehog houses, bat boxes and bee hotels.

## 2024 WINNERS - SELF CATERING HOLIDAYS

### SUFFOLK



#### WINNER

##### The Tudor Barn [thehall-milden.co.uk](http://thehall-milden.co.uk)

Sustainability has been an important part of The Hall at Mildens since the 1990s. In 2003 they won the first and only Gold Green Tourism Award in Suffolk. The Tudor Barn is partly heated by woodburner using wood coppiced on site. They generate more solar energy than the electricity they use. They run an annual Green Guest Champion award with a prize of a weekend stay and offer several challenges to guests such as the Green Transport Challenge. There's plenty of bikes available to hire. They save rainwater and compost for the gardens, grow their own veg and support wildlife across the site.

### WALES



#### HIGHLY COMMENDED

##### Brecon Retreat [breconretreat.co.uk](http://breconretreat.co.uk)

At Brecon Retreat, the owners believe that being green isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. They work to raise awareness of living more green, to encourage guests to adopt greener ways of living, for when they return back home. There's eco-friendly cleaning products, bath products packaged in biodegradable packaging and welcome hampers filled with local items. There are plants in the barns to help purify the air. Landscaping has been carefully designed to attract bees, butterflies or birds to feed. Properties are heated by a mix of ground source heat pump and a new biomass boiler. All employees are local residents.

### EUROPE



#### WINNER

##### Little Clogs [little-clogs-holidays.co.uk](http://little-clogs-holidays.co.uk)

This is a collection of baby and toddler friendly holiday accommodation in Holland and Belgium. They feature holiday parks in natural woodland or coastal settings with woodland and dune trails, cycle networks and organic produce sold in the on-park shops. Each location is accessible by train or ferry. One of their locations is the first ever sustainably built holiday park in the Netherlands in partnership with Landal GreenParks. At each site, families are encouraged to explore and learn about the nature on the doorstep.



## GLAMPING



## WINNER

**Penhein [penhein.co.uk](https://www.penhein.co.uk)**

Penhein is a family-run farm in Monmouthshire, South Wales. In the centre of the farm, tucked away in secluded woodland surrounded by countryside, is Penhein Glamping, eight beautiful alachigh (allacheeg) tents, each designed with everything needed to feel at home in the great outdoors. Winners of the Green Tourism Gold Standard, the Welsh Green Key Award for sustainability in the hospitality industry, amongst many others, the farm and glampsite are run with sustainability and conservation as the guiding principles. Water is from the spring on site and all wood comes from fallen timber or dead trees on site. New trees and hedgerow are being planted every year. There is a strong recycling policy and a commitment to buy locally and sustainably.

## HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Runach  
[runacharainn.com](https://www.runacharainn.com)**

Sustainability and green ethics lie at the heart of Runach Arainn on the Isle of Arran in Scotland. Yurts are located on a nature rich site with an

orchard and meadow, are off grid with solar lighting, log burners to provide heat and cooking (using local wood) and quirky upcycled furniture. Each yurt has a private bathroom with luxury waterless, compost toilet (with waste composted on site), bamboo toilet roll and all green electricity for the hot water and showers. Alongside the glamping, there's a food forest garden which is an accredited demonstration site for regenerative agriculture and permaculture.



## HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Secret Meadows [secretmeadows.co.uk](https://www.secretmeadows.co.uk)**

Secret Meadows in Suffolk was set up in 2012 to provide high-end glamping accommodation with a 'green' ethos. Profits go directly back into the nature conservation charity which owns the 115-acre Soil Association registered site. They have held a Green Tourism Gold Award since opening. All but two of the accommodation units are off-grid. There's an off-grid wood-fired hot tub and organic towels, eco-friendly products etc. provided. A wealth of information is provided to guests including local places to eat and visit, cycling and walking routes, night sky maps, and flora and fauna to be found through the seasons.

## CAMPING CLUB

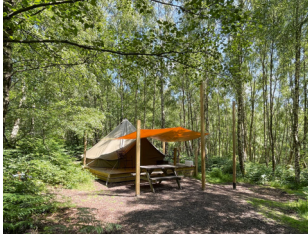
**WINNER Greener Camping Club  
[greencamping.org](https://www.greencamping.org)**

The Greener Camping Club is committed to a number of environmental projects, such as the Trees for Life, where a tree is

planted for every member. They've planted over 17,000 this year, that's nearly 18 acres of woodland. The Club also distributes mixed variety wildflower seeds to each of its campsites, helping to provide food and habitat for a wide variety of butterflies and insects - as well as colourful, natural landscapes. To date over 1000 bat and nesting boxes have been donated. They also educate about renewable energy and resource consumption.

**WINNER**

**Pegs and Pitches** [pegsandpitches.co.uk](https://pegsandpitches.co.uk)



This is off-grid camping at its best – it's all about living lightly on the land. The only power used at Pegs and Pitches campsites are solar lamps, wind-up lanterns and low energy

battery led units. The majority of the loos are compost toilets, meaning less water usage and great fertiliser for the trees. The outdoor bucket showers use ten times less water than a power shower. All shower gel, shampoo, hand soap and washing up liquid provided is ecologically friendly. These campsites (in Sussex) are based on a philosophy of living in harmony with nature. The forest camping ethos is to protect and enhance the environment. Fallen branches and decaying trees help to maintain a healthy and vibrant ecosystem which enhance your interactions with nature. They ask campers not to collect any firewood from the surrounding forest and to only to use wood supplied by them or from a sustainable supplier.

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**

**The Secret Campsite**  
[thesecretcampsite.co.uk](https://thesecretcampsite.co.uk)



The Secret Campsite in East Sussex has been landscaped for wildlife. The pitches are large with trees left to grow in between. They opened in 2012 and make every decision

based on the permanent residents at the site, the mammals, birds, reptiles, butterflies and plants that live there. They harvest rainwater for toilet flushing, no cars are allowed on site, so safe for kids and wildlife and there are 3 EV charging points. The camping areas are grazed by sheep over winter. This maintains an open habitat which is great for wildflowers and our native fauna. They host regular 24 Hours in Nature events aimed at families and small groups and an annual Secret Wildlife Festival.

**FESTIVAL**

**WINNER** **Just So** [justsofestival.org.uk](https://justsofestival.org.uk)



The annual festival for families is part of ecolibrium, a groundbreaking initiative which has balanced emissions from over 13 million

travel miles to events since 2015, with donations helping to power wind turbines in India. They have also funded a community-owned wind-turbine in the Forest of Dean and contributed to Solar for Schools. They reduced waste significantly in 2018 by 35% with recycling bins around the site and in the campsite. No single use plastic is sold on site and all traders offer a discount for those who bring their own cup. They work with the same traders year on year so that they know the audience and quantities of food to bring with them, reducing wastage.

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**

**HebCelt** [hebceltfest.com](https://hebceltfest.com)



HebCelt takes place in the Outer Hebrides and is one of the most unique locations for a festival, but the islands are of course being

impacted by climate change. HebCelt is committed to finding ways to lessen their carbon footprint and to run a more environmentally sensitive festival. They are using more green energy (they are teamed with Plus Zero to test hydrogen power supply), use reusable cups and compostable foodware, have banned single use plastic and have a dedicated volunteer team to oversee recycling and waste. They encourage sustainable travel for festival-goers.



## 2024 WINNERS



### TRAVEL BRAND



#### **WINNER** Trunki [trunki.co.uk](http://trunki.co.uk)

Kids are at the heart of the Trunki brand. The factory where the UK made cases are produced, in Plymouth, uses 100% green energy. Since 2012 the shipping carton can be reused as a kennel for your Trunki. Several years ago they cut the card used in retail packaging by 50%, sourcing PEFC card and eco inks. The Trunki is now made with 50% recycled plastic and can be fully recycled at the end of its life at local recycling centres. There are no metal screws or pins included.



#### **HIGHLY COMMENDED**

##### **Wightlink** [wightlink.co.uk](http://wightlink.co.uk)

Wightlink is the leading cross-Solent ferry operator and the new Green Solent Project uses the latest energy-saving technology, lowering emissions. The introduction of the hybrid energy flagship ferry, Victoria of Wight, uses 17% less fuel than the next largest ship in their fleet. They are undergoing a trial to install solar panels to generate electricity at the ports and onboard. Wight Taste partners with a range of local suppliers and eliminated single use plastics in 2018. They are proud to send zero waste to landfill. General waste that cannot be recycled is turned into an alternative fuel that displaces fossil fuels.

### TRAVEL ACCESSORIES

#### **WINNER**

##### **Little Luggage** [littleguggage.co.uk](http://littleguggage.co.uk)



Sustainability is really important to The Little Luggage Co; they didn't want to create just another 'fast fashion' brand. All luggage and packing

accessories are made from recycled polyester and contain other recycled and eco-friendly materials where possible. 5% of the sales of suitcase sticker sets are donated to the Marine Conservation Society UK. They use minimal cardboard and recyclable packaging and do small things like keeping things local in terms of photoshoot locations and packaging suppliers; and supporting local mum-owned businesses for photography and marketing etc. to keep their environmental impact as low as possible.

#### **HIGHLY COMMENDED**

##### **NUNA** [nunababy.com](http://nunababy.com)



Nuna products are mindfully manufactured in their factory that is ISO 14001-certified, which means that they have

implemented environmental management systems in the manufacturing process such as the use of solar power, exhaust water treatment and recycling programmes that work to reduce waste created from plastics and packaging. While all these initiatives are worthwhile individually, Nuna strives to continually improve the overall systems that they have in place to maintain their position on the cutting edge of environmentally conscious production and design.



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