**Lickleyhead Castle**

**Responsible Visitor Charter**

***Eight things you can do to help the local area and save the planet.***

Here at **Lickleyhead Castle** we are working hard to be as green and sustainable as possible, but we need your help. We can all reduce our impact on the environment by making choices. As a visitor you have a very important role to play in helping **Aberdeenshire** conserve its natural assets and become a more sustainable destination.

Here are some ideas on how you can help while you are with us:

1. **Conserve Energy –** reduce energy by switching off lights and closing windows if heating is on. There are shutters in some rooms, such as the great hall and the dining room. Please consider shutting these at night time. The Energy Saving Trust provides information on what you can do while with us and at home. [www.est.org.uk](http://www.est.org.uk)
2. **Give the car a rest** – Leave the car behind, if only for a day. Walk, cycle or use public transport. Our staff will happily provide you with advice.
3. **Shop Local** – Use local products, they give you a flavour of the real Aberdeenshire and help support local communities. We are fortunate to have some fantastic producers of food, drink and arts and crafts. Ask us about local markets or local and regional produce.
4. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** – Try to avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra carrier bag. You can also support us in our efforts to recycle. Waste is divided by type and placed in the recycling area at the back of the castle. Recycling is collected in the blue bin, glass in the crate, general waste in the grey bin and food waste in the green caddy. Please ask staff for more details.

www.recyclenow.com

1. **Be Water Wise** – Water is a precious resource and should be used wisely. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and adhere to towel policies or other water saving initiatives.
2. **Respect nature** – Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, guarding against fire and using footpaths and cycle-ways responsibly.
3. **Protect yourself and others** - Do not travel if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been told to isolate. Observe physical distancing, wear a face covering when required. Regularly use hand sanitiser and wash your hand frequently.
4. **Our neighbours**- Please respect the rights and sensibilities of our neighbours such as farmers. Do not bother livestock. Do not go in the same field as cattle when walking your dog.

**And most importantly have a great time when you are here, we’d like you to come back!**

And finally, if you feel there is anything else we could be doing to reduce our environmental impact please let us know.