

Nethergill awarded Gold Award for Green Tourism

The Green Business Tourism award scheme is the largest and most established sustainable certification programme in the world, businesses are independently assessed and graded bronze, silver or gold.

The gold level is deemed as inspirational/outstanding, the highest levels of sustainability are being achieved with a strong and broad ethos and excellent examples throughout.

Nethergill to date has a biomass boiler to provide all central heating and hot water, the biomass is taken from Greenfield Forest bordering the farm so minimal carbon footprint. Solar panels provide 75% of all electricity used. The bulk of travel is done using a hybrid car which has a plug in socket connected to the solar panels. Thirty thousand trees have been planted which in approx. 10 years time will be available for coppicing and can used on the biomass.

All cleaning products used are eco friendly, all waste is separated including compost from the self catering.

Facilities are provided in our Field Centre for Dales Way walkers and we have recently signed up to a toilet twinning scheme which has funded a toilet in Mariani in Kenya. Toilet Twinning raises funds to support water and sanitation work in some of the poorest countries on earth, currently 2.5 billion people currently do not have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the loo. Next year we are hoping to fund a toilet block for a school in Kenya.