



## **MARRIOTT HEATHROW WINDSOR HOTEL CELEBRATES ITS GREEN TOURISM AWARD**

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Marriott Heathrow Windsor Hotel has recently been awarded a 'Gold' grade certificate from the United Kingdom's Green Tourism Business Scheme. Marriott Heathrow Windsor's clear focus on reducing its carbon footprint has been emphasized through the commitment of its "Spirit to Preserve" Team whose monthly meetings have encouraged a strong awareness of energy consumption to all its associates and guests.

Marriott Heathrow Windsor's ongoing quest to monitor and manage its environmental initiative has so far been achieved through the reduction of KWH and water consumption. From June 2010 a robust system was put in place which resulted in 100% of our waste from food, glass, paper, cardboard, plastic, tin, aluminium and toner cartridges now being recycled.

The team have reviewed ways in which to implement new and innovative ways to reduce consumption with the introduction of hippos in toilet cisterns, LED lights to all 24 hour lighting in public areas and replacement lagging for all pipe work.

The hotel is also proud to have four bee hives in the grounds which have produced honey for the hotel to use. There are also bat boxes and an area of the grounds has also been designated as meadow grass to attract bees and butterflies and encourage pollination.

A more recent initiative has been the installation of an electric car charger for Tesla cars which enables drivers to re-charge their vehicles in a convenient location.

Our Chefs have made great efforts in creating and sourcing organic produce for their menus with the use of fish from sustainable stocks, free range eggs and coffee supplied from the rain forest alliance.

The associates at Marriott Heathrow Windsor have been keen to get green with an assortment of activities in the local community. Particular work has included gardening at a local hospital and clearing an overgrown school pond and patio so that the children could study their own wildlife area.