CoaST: The Ambassador Effect

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CoaST: Cornwall Sustainable Tourism Project & the One Planet Tourism Network

Manda Brookman, Director



CoaST : a small, independent social enterprise

Our job: to help ensure tourism contributes to a resilient future

Our reach: now over 1,180 members

One of the fastest growing networks of its kind...

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So: tourism is a big deal in Cornwall:

- 25% of our GDP
- employs one in five of our population
- brings in £1.5b pa



Plus significant impacts on our communities, our environment...

- and the potential for improved return?



Question:

How best to reduce environmental impact...

Improve social impact....

And increase economic benefit?

(we only speak Triple Bottom Line, as we reckon that economic profit which causes social or environmental damage is not a profit.

One plus plus two minuses is definitely a minus.)

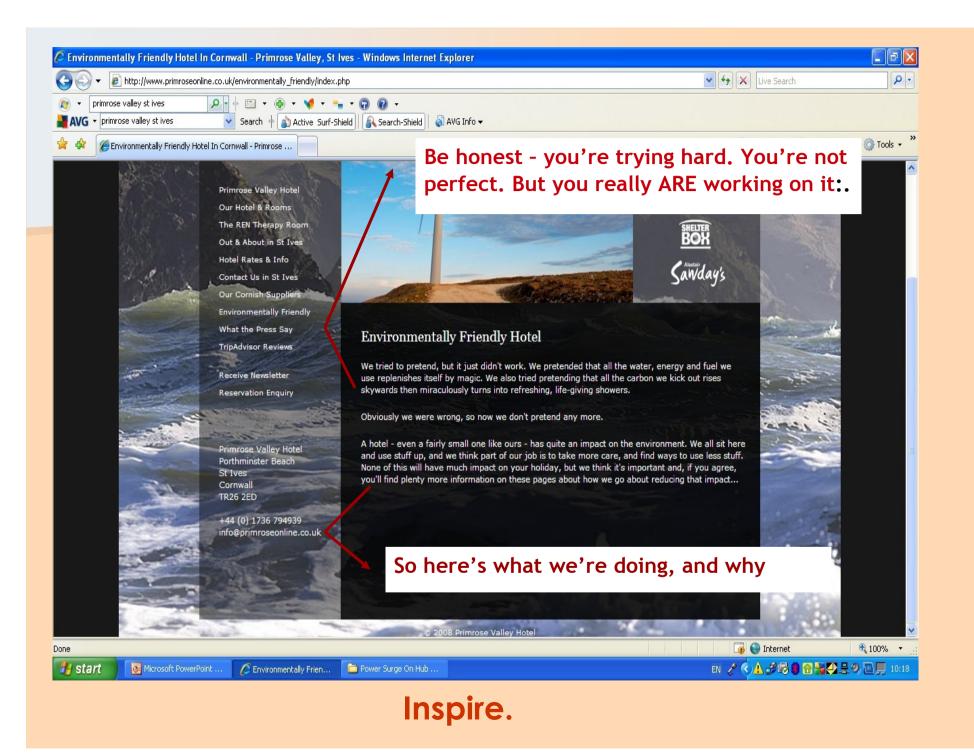


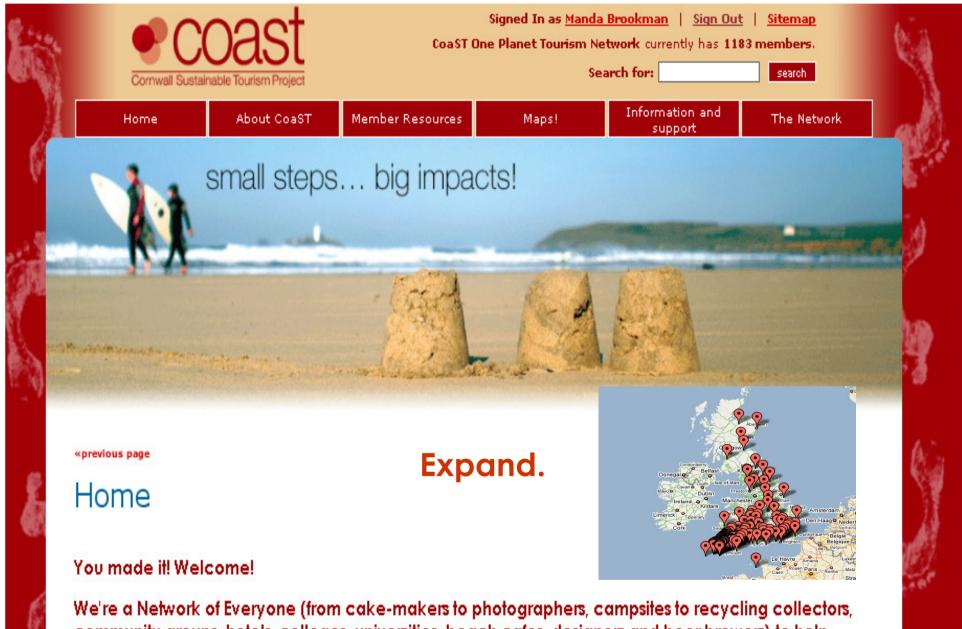
So we have a simple idea. A networking idea.

Engage. Inspire. Expand.









community groups, hotels, colleges, universities, beach cafes, designers and beer brewers) to help tourism create social, economic and environmental benefit for all, as well as a fantastic holiday for all our visitors. We started in Cornwall; and we've gone viral, with members collaborating on our on-line One Planet Tourism network from across more than 50 counties...join in!

Which I'll come back to in a moment.

In the meantime...visitor demand is changing...



Indications of Demand

- 11% actively seeking green
- 53% will respond positively if come across it – like for like
- Most say willing to pay more for it
- Some willingness to take UK holidays





increasing association of green with higher quality





Which means we can start communicating ever more effectively...

inspiring, generating, fanning that flickering flame of green demand...

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Wherever we go and whatever we do, we have an impact. Make positive choices, and you can help us care for Cornwall and make that impact a positive one.

Have a fantastic holiday!

CoaST is working with everyone to keep the South West special.

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle In Cornwall we recycle! You can

help us by refusing packaging and bags you don't need, and using the recycling banks you'll find in many places across the county. And if you can recycle where you're staying - please do. Even better! www.recycleforcomwall.org.uk

Get out of the car!

Walking, cycling and riding are great ways to see the area without adding to traffic. Use public transport if you need to travel to your start point, but try exploring near to where you are staying - there are some fantastic places to see right on your doorstep ...just ask! www.sustrans.org.uk

Stay Local, Eat Local, Buy Local, See Local



BUY LOCAI, SEE LOCAI Buy local - and you'll see what Cornwall can offer, and benefit the communities of Cornwall. Visit farmers' markets, farm shops, village stores, pubs and cafes. Our distinctive culture shines through the hundreds of community events that happen throughout the year - and the food and drink are simply fantastic... www.tasteofthe.west.co.uk

Chill out - Switch Off!





When in Rome...

To enjoy Carnwall at its best, we can help you get to know all the nooks and crannies in the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It's one protected area, split into 12 diverse and distinct parts - all chosen for their special qualities. They represent Carnwall's finest landscape and we want you to experience and love it as we do...

www.cornwall-aonb.gov.uk

small steps...big impacts

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Visitor's Site

5 WAYS TO BE THE BEST SORT OF VISITOR . SMALL STEPS... BIG IMPACTS

Home

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle







When in Rome...

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5 ways to Be the Best Sort of Visitor to Cornwall....

Welcome to CoaST's brand new website - still being added to - for visitors! CoaST - the Cornwall Sustainable Tourism Project - has been working for some time with tourism businesses in Cornwall to help make tourism as sustainable as possible - benefitting the environment, the economy and the people of Cornwall. And now we're working to help you - our visitors - to have a fantastic, low impact holiday that keeps Cornwall as beautiful and healthy as she is now!

Our work is based on that fact that wherever we go and whatever we do, we have an impact. Make positive choices, and you can help us care for Cornwall and make that impact a positive one.

Check out our suite of <u>Green Maps</u> for info on what is happening in Cornwall ...constantly updated so it's as useful as possible!

And if you want to support CoaST in what it's doing, you can even make a donation. Your money will go to supporting the work we do to help tourism be as sustainable as it can and even lead the way towards a more sustainable future. Donations can be sent to CoaST, Penstraze Business Centre, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8HY. If you do so - thank you! We'll put it to good use.

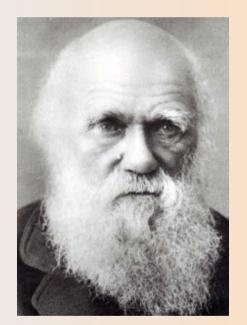
Coming back to that network thing...

So – 6,000 businesses; where to start?

You start with the ones who want to change.









Survival of the fittest...is actually surival of the most fitting. Not the biggest.

One Planet Tourism

Passion and Reason.

Enlightened self interest.





Cue – The Ambassador Programme..the early adopters.

Because they're the game changers.



...big ones...little ones...

...two person bands and a dog, or big multilingual green teams...

...giving presentations, writing articles, running stands, inspiring other businesses, winning awards, provoking their supply chains to change..





Encouraging a change:

increasing local benefits of spend;

decreasing leakage through waste;

...increasing awareness, so improving impacts...

promoting green and gorgeous as the new black.







Guest Soaps



..and we realised that our Ambassador business weren't just influencing and inspiring other tourism businesses...

they were changing the way our visitors behave:





We can't Predict and Provide any more.

We have to provide what works for us as a destination.

So when there's the flicker of a demand for The Good Stuff – we deliver in spades. We don't provide the bad. And energy for change, that passion for the Good Stuff, is what the Ambassadors engineer.

(it's a bit like raising children.

Rod. Back.)



Fowey's very own Visitor Charter



This leaflet gives you information about our beautiful town, which is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and how we are taking responsibility for our own environment and community. We would love your help in keeping Fowey such a special place!

Help us reduce, reuse and recycle!

Please help us recycle! To reduce the amount that's thrown away, please try and use as lit packaging as possible, particularly plastic bags. Reusable carrier bags can be obtain from several outlets in the Town, or if you ha brought your own, even better!

If you are staying in self-catering accommodation, you will no doubt be made aware of the procedure and timing for dealing with your rubbish. Please ensure the you put rubbish out on the appropriate collection day either in a bin or covered wit an old sheet or blanket to stop the seaguls and crows having fun spreading it over the streets! There are also recycling facilities in Fowey in the following locations:



Glass and used engine oil Berrill's Yard (near the Lifeboat).

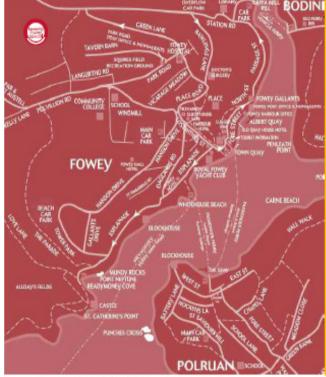
Kerbside recycling collections Every two weeks.

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Fowey's very own Visitor Charter



Stay local, buy local, eat local, see local!

Please help support Fowey's local shops and services. You can buy just about everything you might need in the town and some shops will offer a delivery service on request. There is a post office and banks with cash facilities in Fore Street, and internet access available at the Library on Tues/Thurs/Fri and Sat am. Fowey has a reputation for acod food and boasts a wide range of excellent restaurants, pubs and cafes to suit every budget. There are hundreds of community events throughout the year and a fantastic range of attractions to visit. Please contact the Tourist Information Centre or ask your accommodation provider for all the information you need to enjoy Fowey and the rest of Cornwall.

Get out of the car!

Walking and cycling are great ways to see the area without adding to the traffic. To help us to ease congestion in the town please use the car parks outside the town centre whenever possible and use public transport where available. There are plenty of places and attractions which can be accessed without using your car. A town bus runs from the main car park in Hanson Drive to the town centre from 1° May to 30° September and on specified days during the winter months.

For information on any of the above, as well as maps, guides and public transport schedules (including ferries) please contact the TourIst Information Centre (TIC) 5, South Street, Fowey on 01726 833616 or visit www.fowey.co.uk or ask your accommodation provider. Please see the map overleaf to locate car parks, recycling facilities and the TIC.

Thank you for choosing to stay in Fowey, we hope you enjoy your visit and that you will return again soon.

Fowey Town Forum's Three R's Project

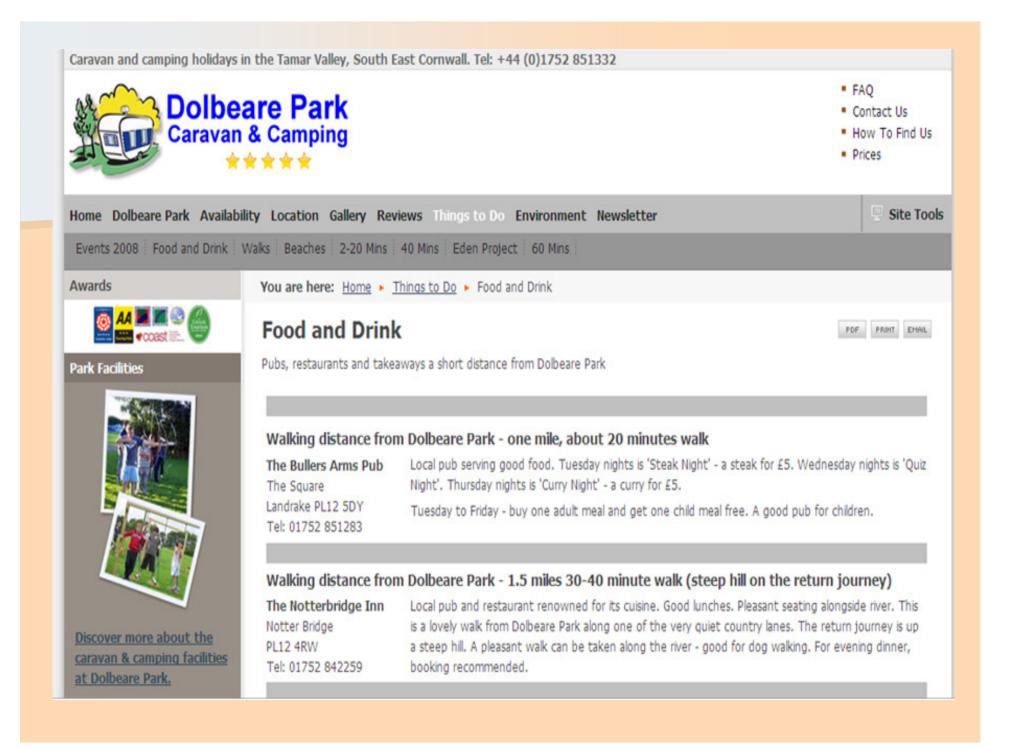
The Three R's Project has been part-funded through the Cornwall AONB Sustainable Development Fund, designed to demonstrate best practice in community, environmental and local economic sustainability. Fowey's located within Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a statutory protected landscape designated in 1959. The AONB is managed by a Partnership of Local Authorities, the farming community, the National Trust, Government agencies, and land-based and heritage organisations. For further information contact the Cornwall AONB Partnership on 01872 322350, or visit www.cornwall-aonb.gov.uk

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Doing it right, and thereby, so simply, encouraging their visitors to do the same...



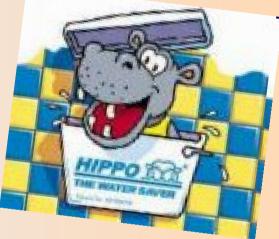
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..."edited choice"...

CAUTION WE HAVE HIPPOS IN OUR TOILETS





and explaining why, whilst saving money..





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View across St. Marys Harbour from Mincarlo

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Route	Emissions (kg)
Penzance (ferry)	6
Lands End (plane)	18
Newquay (plane)	22
Exeter (plane)	42
Bristol (plane)	50
Penzance (helicopter)	60
Southampton (plane)	64

Offset your Journey

(more about carbon offsetting)







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Your journey to Scilly will inevitably emit some carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. We are working with

We realise that carbon offsetting isn't perfect and it's much better to reduce your emissions in the first place. To help you choose your method of transport oo2balance have calculated the emissions for each route to Scilly.

...from fish n chip shops...

Home

Sam the Sustainable Cod

Sam the Sustainable Cod welcomes you to the Harbour Lights Restaurant in Falmouth Cornwall.

Enjoy a meal from our huge variety of award-winning *fish & chips* dishes for all the family, whilst taking in the wonderful views of Falmouth harbour

We are passionate about the taste of our *fish & chips*, and as equally passionate about the environment. This is why ALL our fish comes from **sustainable stocks**.

Harbour Lights Restaurant, Arwenack Street, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 3LH. For bookings telephone 01326 316 934

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Our reason for existence is to provide top quality traditional fish and chips in a professional fun manner to the locals and visitors of Falmouth. However we simultaneously make a commitment to minimise the negative effects of our operations on the environment. In meeting the needs of the present, the ability of future generations to meet their own needs should not be compromised.

Harbour Lights is committed to:

- only sell fish from sustainable fish stocks
- only use bio-degradable packaging
- maximise re-cycling and re-using opportunities
- · work with the local community to minimise litter problems
- train all staff on the importance of protecting the environment
- encourage other participants in the Fish and Chips industry to consider the negative effects of their own operations
- being open about its environmental performance in dealings with its customers, employees and public authorities

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GO!

The Environment

We at the Harbour Ligthts are actively controlling the effect we have on the environment, bit locally and globally. Find out Check out The Harbour lights experience with some great

Fish Invaders

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Fish Invaders is finally here, help Sam Cod fight off High Street upstarts ...



wherever we go and whatever we do, we have an impact on the environment.





NEWQUAY BAY HOLIDAYS

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GREEN TOURISM

Welcome to Newquay Bay Holidays. By making positive choices during your visit, you can help to look after Cornwall and this special area ensuring that it retains everything that is special about it for your next visit.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

In Cornwall we take our recycling very seriously, as we hope you do at home! Say no to packaging where possible, especially plastic bags. You will find recycling banks in most main car parks across the area. In Cornwall we work hard to recycle all we can. Please help us by making use of the recycling system in your accommodation, and asking for one if you can't find it.

Reduce traffic: walk, cycle or use public transport

Walking and cycling are great ways to see the area without adding to traffic. Use public transport if you need to travel to your start point, but try exploring near to where you are staying - there are some fantastic places to see right on your doorstep! There are more and more fully accessible routes becoming available, ensuring access for all, too.

3 Stay Local, Eat Local, Buy Local, See Local

Support local producers and services - this way your visit has a real benefit to the communities of Cornwall.And you get to see and taste the real quality that Cornwall offers.Visit Farmers Markets, farm shops, village stores, pubs and cafes. Much of our distinctive culture is evident in the hundreds of community events that happen throughout the year and are well worth supporting - and the food and drink is simply fantastic.

Chill out – switch off...

Enjoy a fabulous, light touch holiday... switch off lights and dripping taps; use the voluntary laundry card scheme where you see it, so that only towels that need washing are laundered; every single effort helps protect and enhance our beautiful environment. It takes a moment and it's all worth it!

When in Rome...

To enjoy Cornwall at its best, we can help you get to know all the nooks and crannies of local knowledge - like beach safety, local cultural events, and the Countryside Code which reminds

visitors to protect plants and animals; take litter away; leave gates and property as you find them; keep dogs under close control; consider other people and users when visiting the countryside.

Enjoy your holiday! Thank you!



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Do your bit...

Reduce your footprint so your children can enjoy King Harry's Cornwall as much as you have !

Set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, King Harry's Comwall represents unspoilt Comwall at its best. We invite you to discover for yourselves and while you're here we ask you to think, as you do at home, about reducing your environmental impact as much as possible.

From turning off your bedside light when you leave the hotel to picking up litter on the beach, there is plenty you can do that will help us keep our bit of Cornwall as unspoilt and untouched as it deserves to be.

On the following page you will find some TOP TIPS to help you have GREEN DAYS OUT while you're on holiday.

To take this a step further we have put together our own "GREEN VISITOR PASSPORT". This simple idea encourages you to think about all aspects of your holiday and the ways in which you can reduce your impact on Comwall during your stay.

Please complete the form honestly and for every completed form we receive we will donate 5op to the SILVANUS TRUST, a local charity who are involved in sustainable tree planting projects and woodland management in Corrnwall and across the South West.

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...so all these Ambassadors sharing their knowledge, and making passion contagious...

What's the best green tariff to use?

Where can I find out about renewables?

I've just found a great low impact cleaning product!

How can I encourage my visitors (nicely) to turn the heating down before they open the window? 101 Things to Do on A rainy Day in Cornwall - Latest News - July 200 Gil Jenkins (CSTN) (bulkmail@coastproject.co.uk)

Who can help me with green accreditation?

Has anyone got any old duvets or linen they don't need any more?

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Does anyone else out there struggle to fill up their i ltr Ecover washing-up bottles from a 5-itr container. Fo me it poes something like this. Flace washing-up boti in sink and wedge Ecover bottle between boul and side of sink. Remove tog and inset frumel. Fetch 5-itr container and remove sorev eag. Carefully ift heavy (Ween full container endewouring to steadily pour liquid into bottle via fummel - without spilling or overfilling. This all takes at least 5 minutes and is guaranced fill be exceedingly groups for at least the next hour! All our other cleaning products and toiletries are supplied in S-ltr containers too but they either come with

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I asked at our local Health Food Shop from where I purchase Ecover products in bulk and they couldn't locate (pump top in their Ecover trade catalogue. Not to be defeated, I contacted Ecover direct who tell me that they do indeed supply pumps though they couldn't explain why they weren't in the catalogue - or supplied with a standard screw fitting

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To make a donation give RE:SOURCE a call on DBOO 321 3356.

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With slightly more rain than sun, this might be an appropriate moment to remind everyone about 101 Things to Do on a Rainy Day in Cornwall.

101 Things to Do... was initially intended as a simple list of indoor Attractions for our B4B guests. Very soon the List became a PDF is file that you can easily download to view or print) - and then a website! Throughout last summer, 101 Things to Do proved invaluable to many of us who hitherto had racked our brains in desperation as to where to send our quests on yet another rainy day.



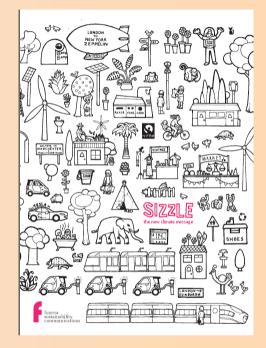
..combined with our teaching them about the golden rules of communication through our Ambassadors for Change programme





..and then they start teaching each other, and then the entire membership......

Gill Jenkins, CoaST Ambassador: "I cannot deny that I am thrilled to bits to have this opportunity to share what we do here at Bedknobs, with fellow CoaST members. And, if truth were out, I would have to admit that I'm even more excited at being able to find out what my fellow CoaST Ambassadors have been up to – and are planning - and what we can glean from them! "





So bearing in mind that this is all about change... and that :

"The most significant direct impacts made by successful behaviour change campaigns were as a result of the role of leaders and champions..." (DEFRA "Selling Sustainability", 2008:)



"Dear Dave and Leza

Thank you so much for the most fantastic break we have just had !



I feel somewhat inspired by your "green" attitude and carrying each bottle and mostly plastic tray outside individually made me realise just how much rubbish we produce. We have the "Green Shop" in Bisley by us and I shall purchase more cleaning material etc from there in the future. Also seeing your fabulous grass roofs made Jason see sense and we hope to have one on our extension when we come to it.."...



Inspired businesses = inspired visitors = resilient destination.



(my final favourite quotation for the day)

The Darwin Awards for efforts for self-extinction...

Named in honor of Charles Darwin, the father of evolution, the Darwin Awards commemorate those who improve our gene pool by removing themselves from it.

"By the way - we assume you operate sustainably and ethically from your local menu and purchasing - what else do you do by way of environmental commitment? It's definitely one of the things we look for in accommodation!"



"I'm afraid life is a bit too short for us to get involved in proving by email our green credentials to potential future b&b guests.

I think it would be best if you looked for somewhere else to stay for that weekend. We have therefore cancelled your reservation. If you have already sent a deposit cheque then we shall destroy it.

Regards

XXXXXX"





I'd go for the inspiration option every time.

(with thanks to Margaret Mead.)

Thank you!

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