

# Environmental Commitment

We all need to look after the planet and the use of its natural resources. With rising global temperature, we are in a climate crisis that is affecting wildlife and countries around the world.

Tan yr Allt cottages are committed to low carbon energy footprint - using renewable energy for heating, eco products for cleaning, and minimizing the use of plastics and synthetic fabrics. All lights are low-energy LED bulbs, and the electricity is supplied from 100% green renewable energy. Recycled paper is used in the office, as well as for toilet rolls and kitchen towels.

## Trees

We have planted over 250 trees about our property, many with subsidized help from the Woodland Trust. The trees supplied are chosen to benefit bees and other pollinators, with species which flower at different times providing nectar, pollen and nesting sites.

## Meadows

The Hygge Hut meadow and adjacent pastures are being managed to encourage wildflowers which are beneficial for butterflies and wildlife. The fields and grounds are popular with hedgehogs which forage here for food, and are often seen on the grounds late at night.



## Conversion to Holiday Let

When the granary was converted for use as a holiday cottage, wood-fibre insulation boards and natural hemp were used for insulation. Hemp is a fast-growing, low-impact plant crop that produces fine fibers suitable for insulation. The stone walls were repointed with lime mortar and lime plaster was used for the ceiling and walls.

## Biomass and Heating

Heating and hot water are provided by a central biomass boiler burning woodchips, which are considered as a carbon neutral fuel. It supplies hot water and heating for both our house and Y Granar. The woodchips are locally sourced from sustainable woodlands, mainly managed forests around the Devil's Bridge area. Logs for the wood stoves are from our own grounds and are well-seasoned and dried.

## Dog Walks

There are plenty of routes for dog walking direct from Tan yr Allt, so you will not need to drive your car to exercise your dogs. All the dog walks are downloadable during your stay as PDFs, and can be saved onto your mobile phone. We also provide paper copies to take along with you on the walks.

## Linens

The duvets we use are made by Baavet in North Wales, and filled with pure Welsh sheep wool. All the bed linens and bathroom towels are organic cotton, and are cleaned by a professional service using eco products.

## Soaps

For the bath and shower, we provide Dr Bronner's soaps, which are made from non-GMO, organic & fair trade ingredients.



Dr. Bronner's is a small California-based company which was politically correct and environmentally responsible before anyone had ever invented those terms, and has been sold in small apothecary shops in New York since the 1960s.

Dr. Bronner's philosophies always appear in small print on the labels, and promote his moral and religious ideas, including a belief in the goodness and unity of humanity. The business is now run by his grandchildren, and their business model is "Work hard and grow, do right by customers, treat employees like family, be fair to suppliers, treat the earth like home, and fund and fight for what's right!" They promise to use only the purest organic and fair trade ingredients — and

to be the very best for human, home, and Earth.

Most products are vegan and certified to the same organic standards as food! No synthetic preservatives, no foaming agents. Their products and ingredients are never tested on animals. You can use them all to wash anything - body, hair, face, mouth & teeth, food, dishes, laundry, mopping, pets. On top of that, they are just lovely to use! The soaps just recently became available to buy in the UK. You can read all about it at [www.drbronner.com](http://www.drbronner.com).

The solid soaps on the sinks in the lavatory and kitchen are handmade in our kitchen. The sheep are moulded from organic goats milk soap base, and the kitchen soaps are moulded from a transparent vegetable based Sodium Lauryl Sulfate-free glycerine soap base. They are scented as the season and inspiration of the moment dictates with fragrance oils such as grapefruit, lime, mango, cranberry and lily of the valley. The soap bases are made in England by company that is based in Leeds and has been family-owned for 150 years. Their company philosophies are largely consistent with ours, and can be read at [www.stephensonpersonalcare.com](http://www.stephensonpersonalcare.com).