

# Eco-Friendly Tehidy

Tehidy is nestled in the wooded Tolskithy valley in the beautiful Cornish countryside.

## 1 CORNISH HEDGING -

- Made with soil and stone creating a wonderful habitat for plants and insects.
- Some of our hedges are over 350 years old.

## 2 HEDGING AND TREES -

- A wide range of hedging and trees, great for birds and insects.
- Hedges act as wind breaks, naturally manage ground water levels and are good for wildlife.
- Removed trees and branches can be used to make beautiful carvings, seats or wood piles.

## 3 BIRD, BAT BOXES AND FEEDERS -

- Many different types of birds use our nest boxes.
- A nest box camera operates in Reception and we follow generations of blue tits.
- Feeders support our birds all year round and allow guests to enjoy some bird watching too.

## 4 FLOWER BORDERS -

- Flower borders allow rain to soak in and keep ground water levels needed for healthy plants.
- Stone used in the borders is locally sourced and the spaces between stones create a great habitat for plants and insects.

## 5 WILD BORDERS -

- Wild flowers flourish in areas especially set aside for them.
- We hand pick out brambles and nettles from areas where people have access.
- Our lovely bee hotel helps overwintering insects, including many types of pollinator.

## 6 WILD AREAS -

- Nature is abundant in these wild spaces, we manage them on a 3 yearly cycle to allow regeneration and diversity.
- Woodpiles create perfect homes for animals including hedgehogs, voles and insects.

## 7 ORCHARD AND WILDFLOWER AREA -

- Bees, butterflies and birds love this area with wildflowers and fruit trees which provide us with a beautiful year round back drop. The apples make great cider in the Autumn too.

## 8 ECO HARD STANDS -

- Traditional gravel hardstands and 'green' tracked grass hardstands are permeable letting rain soak into the ground and reducing water runoff.

## 9 ENERGY -

- Electricity is 100% Green energy from renewable sources like wind and solar.
- Appliances are 'A' rated: We use low energy lighting and communal indoor rooms are fitted with occupancy sensors to reduce usage.
- Our cottages are super insulated to northern European standards, which is twice that of the UK and have super efficient heating systems.
- Solar thermal heating provides hot water for our campers shower facilities.

## 10 LOW LIGHT POLLUTION -

- Our outdoor lighting is designed to minimize light pollution to help you enjoy the night sky.

## 11 RECYCLING AND WASTE -

- Over 40% of our waste is recycled.
- We have an easy to use recycling system in all areas of the park.

## 12 CLEANING PRODUCTS -

- Eco friendly products are used where possible that are kind to people and nature.

## 13 PLASTIC ALTERNATIVES -

- Plastic products are being phased out, even the trusty loo brush is now a wooden alternative.
- We bulk buy and refill containers where plastic is used.
- Please help by recycling.
- Use reusable water bottles instead of plastic - available in Reception. Fill up for free.

## 14 OUR OFFICE AND RECEPTION -

- Products are chosen to be eco friendly.
- Recycled paper, recycling used ink cartridges, using emails to save paper.
- Reception was once the blacksmiths forge for mining ponies and dates back to 1650.

## 15 WATER -

- Communal areas have push taps.
- WC's are also fitted with 'hippos'.
- Water butts catch rain from gutters, we use this for our planters.
- Aco drains catch surface water and divert it to soakaways to maintain ground water levels.
- Car parks are gravel to allow water to soak in and reduce run off.

## 16 STREAM AND POND -

- Our small pond is a home for newts and frogs as well as many types of insect such as dragonflies.
- It shows a pond doesn't have to be big to benefit wildlife.
- The stream bank is a corridor for birds and animals, such as kingfisher, dippers, fox and deer.

## PROUDLY AWARDED

Healthy for our environment, good for nature and great for us all.

