

Cottages owners install electric charging points for environmentally friendly guests

Stable block in Dorset is transformed into greener holiday accommodation



In a bid to boost their green credentials, two holiday let owners in Wool, Dorset have taken huge steps to provide a more environmentally friendly guest experience, including installing electric car charging ports.

Susanne and Martin Sinclair have completed a major renovation project to convert a stable block into a stylish, luxury holiday let, seeking to appeal to likeminded holidaymakers searching for an eco-friendly break.

The property, named Swallow's Nest after the family of swallows that return to the site annually, is the latest addition to the cottages.com Green Scheme, a collection of cottage holidays that promote a greener holiday experience.

Susanne and Martin, purchased the building in 2016 and having formerly run a bed and breakfast, were keen to retire to the Dorset coast for its sunny climate.

In addition to installing electric car charging ports, the husband and wife team also installed solar panels on the roof and a rainwater harvesting tank under the lawn, which is used to sustainably flush toilets. An air source heat pump efficiently powers the main heating for the holiday let, producing approximately four kilowatts of heat for every one kilowatt of electricity.



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Discussing their renovation project, Susanne said: "When we relocated to Wool, our house came with a set of out-buildings including the stable block, but we didn't know what we were going to do with them.

"It was after we spoke with a neighbour, who is already signed to cottages.com and couldn't praise them enough, that we realised it would be a fantastic opportunity to convert the stables into a holiday let.

"When we were busy converting the old stables, we wanted to ensure that we were able to subsidise the costs, which we have been able to do by introducing the eco-friendly features.

"We also wanted our guests who have an electric car to have the chance to charge as we're aware that ports can be tricky to come by and we wanted our guests to really relax during their stay."

Commenting on the new signing, cottages.com Area Manager for Dorset, Phillipa Kilby, said: "We are delighted to be adding Swallow's Nest to our ever-growing portfolio of luxury and environmentally-friendly properties. With sustainability being high on the agenda, more people are considering ways in which they can minimise the environmental impact of their next holiday, so we expect this fantastic property to prove particularly popular."

Swallows Nest is part of cottages.com's Green Scheme, a collection of thousands of holiday cottages that promote a greener holiday experience.

Anyone considering starting a holiday let in 2018, or reviewing how to make a better return on investment out of a current holiday let, is invited to get in touch with cottages.com. For more information simply visit www.cottages.com/let-your-property.

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