

# A PASSION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The Vale Resort includes a 143-room hotel, two championship golf courses, a health & racquets club, Wales' largest spa, and the Grade I-listed Hensol Castle with its 23 bedrooms, distillery and visitor experience.

The venue also boasts 7 pitches, used as the training base for Wales' rugby and football teams, employs 500 people and has a host of measures in place to make it as sustainable as possible.



## GENERAL

Over 30,000 trees planted across the resort over three decades to offset the resort's carbon footprint. The Resort is home to a number of protected species and has an active ecology management plan which seeks to enhance biodiversity on site. Sustainability and inclusiveness included in all new starter induction training and employee handbooks. The Resort is currently working towards Keep Wales Tidy Green Key accreditation, a leading standard for excellence in the = of environmental responsibility and sustainable operations within the tourism industry.



## TRAVEL

A golf buggy is a usual sight at every golf course, and the Vale Resort is no different. You'll find a fleet of 50 electric buggies everywhere and they are replacing the existing fleet of company vehicles to electrical alternatives where ever possible.

Owners of electric vehicles will also find somewhere to charge their car in early 2023, as there will be several EV charging points installed on-site.



## WASTE

On-site at the Vale Resort, you'll find that they have their own sewerage treatment plant, which serves the Resort and the village of Hensol.

The Resort operates segregated waste and recycling programmes for cardboard, glass, paper and food waste. Waste is also compacted to improve recycling efficiencies and it reduces the number of pick-up journeys. All garden waste is re-cycled on-site.

Printed marketing (brochures etc) is being phased out and replaced with digital alternatives. Hotel amenities have been switched to an environmentally friendly brand with biodegradable packaging.



## SUPPLY CHAIN

Local suppliers are used wherever possible to enhance the Resort's reputation and provenance. Plastic bags have been replaced by sustainable paper alternatives, as have all on-site drinking straws in bars.



## WATER

The Resort has two bore holes and a natural spring which are used at the main source of water for the hotel, and are also used for irrigation for the golf courses and pitches.

A complex system of lakes across the 650-acre estate and a 20-acre dammed reservoir attenuates the effects of heavy rain before the water finally reaches the River Ely.



## ENERGY

The Resort has recently invested £300,000 in solar panels to service its hotel and leisure operations. Air source heat pump technology has been used for heating and cooling the Resort for the last twenty years.

There is a phased programme of replacing older lighting with more efficient LED alternatives (e.g. driving range).

The Resort has reduced its energy consumption with efficiencies from on-site provisions for:

- Water**
- Sewage**
- Garden Waste**

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