

Our Green Story

Salty Dog Hotel and Bistro

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This 15 bedroom boutique hotel and bistro prides itself on its gorgeous rooms, friendly staff, great views over Bangor's Marina, Belfast Lough and the Irish Sea, the use of great local produce and being dog friendly.

Two Victorian townhouses have been transformed into this stunning hotel, just 20 minutes from Belfast, with a bistro of 80 covers, offering classic bistro and pub dishes using Irish ingredients. The owner, Ken Sharp, and his staff pride themselves on using local produce – locally landed crab, lobster, local meats, cheeses and soft drinks, as well as homegrown herbs and leaves from their own garden - the best of Ireland on a plate.

The bistro offers vegan menus and water in plastic has been replaced by the hotel's own water system (for free).

Salty Dog is the name given to an old seaman regaling tales of their adventures, but it could be interpreted too as a dog dear to someone's heart. Either way the Salty Dog was a trend setter in Northern Ireland allowing dogs to stay and eat with their owners in the lounge area of the restaurant. With doggy treats for canine guests and regular donations to the local dog shelter,

"... any dog, regardless of size, weight or breed is welcomed as long as they are cute, adorable and well-behaved."

Ken's commitment to being green comes from long experience in hospitality, where sustainable behaviours are integrated into routine processes in the business.

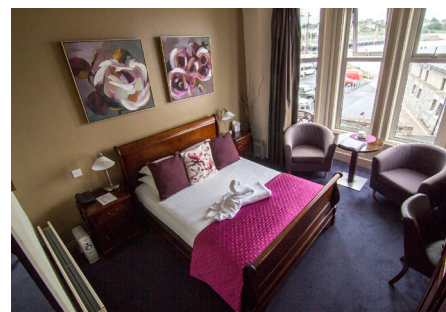
The team are on the constant look out for new initiatives, ideas and products. e.g. recent changes to more environmentally friendly cleaning products and a local laundry to decrease delivery mileage. LED lighting, energy minimization, guests' use of towels, waste separation and recycling, minimizing use of single use plastics as well as good purchasing policies are just seen as appropriate everyday practice.

Where items are brought in from further afield the environment is still a concern with money from the Bee Kind room toiletries going towards research into the decline of the honey bee.

The Salty Dog offers space for small weddings, business meetings and a regular Bangor Beer Club where craft beers from NI's burgeoning brewing sector can be tasted and the brewers chatted to. There were 5 craft breweries in NI four years ago, 23 now. Ken tries hard to stock them all at the Salty Dog.

To stay, eat and relax (with or without your dog) or have a meeting or event, call 028 9127 0696 or go to the website.

saltydogbangor.com   



The Green Tourism programme was funded by the Council's Recycling Community Investment Fund - a scheme which is powered by the recycling efforts of local residents and businesses. Thanks to an increased amount of recycling by the local community, almost £15M has been saved in landfill costs since the programme's inception. These savings have allowed the Council to create the RCIF which supports new and existing environmentally friendly initiatives.