

Our Green Story

The Portaferry Hotel

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Mary and Cahal Arthurs reopened the Portaferry Hotel 4 years ago, making major improvements to facilities and décor. Located on the stunning quayside, with breathtaking views over Strangford Lough, the Portaferry Hotel is a listed building in this scenic, historic village. Portaferry means “The Landing Place of the Ferry”, which is a walk of seconds from the hotel.

The Portaferry Hotel dates back to the 1700s, with 14 individually decorated and styled bedrooms that radiate the ambience and history of the building along with a lounge, bar, eating areas and function rooms for intimate business meetings and charming weddings.

Like many listed buildings, wholesale environmental improvements are hard to deliver, but the Arthurs have changed all lighting to LEDs, upgraded and replaced boilers and other equipment and made the hotel even more comfortable.

In addition to the rooms, two attributes infuse the hotel. First is the passionate adherence to shop local, buying from the village butcher, greengrocer and local distillery, while fish is sourced from Portavogie, just up the road. So, Portavogie cod, scampi and prawns are regularly on the menu, along with other mouth-watering ingredients - Strangford Lough mussels, local

honey, cheeses, Arthurs butchers' award winning sausages, 28 day, 100% grass fed Irish beef and homemade breads, with vegetarian and vegan menu options.

Second, while shopping and buying local and employing local people, the hotel aims to be at the heart and soul of Portaferry. As well as sponsoring the local boys' football team and the regular Portaferry Triathlon, the hotel hosts regular events for guests and locals alike - murder mystery evenings, a book club, wine club, afternoons of Gin tastings and live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Events at the local heritage centre and concert venue of the Portico of Ards are also promoted. But to round off a stay, Sailaway Saturdays are a 2 hour sail on Strangford Lough with music and craic followed by dinner back at the hotel.

To stay or eat, call 028 4272 8231 or view the website.

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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.