


Green Tourism Research Sustainable Business contacts








National Sources of help and advice

- 🌐 **The Environment Agency** implements and enforces environmental legislation, but also provides advice and information. www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- 🌐 **NetRegs** provides free environmental guidance for small businesses in the UK. They will help you to understand what you need to do to comply with environmental legislation and protect the environment. www.netregs.gov.uk.
- 🌐 **DirectGov** offers guidance on recycling, greener shopping products and water and energy saving. Using the energy saving questionnaire to find out what you can do in your local area. www.direct.gov.uk/en/Environmentandgreenerliving
- 🌐 **The Carbon Trust** helps businesses to cut their carbon emissions and improve their energy efficiency. www.carbontrust.co.uk
- 🌐 **Envirowise** helps businesses become more efficient by improving their resource efficiency and cutting waste at source. www.envirowise.gov.uk
- 🌐 **Green England** offers information on how to be green as well as a search facility to look up green days out, products and services. www.green-england.co.uk
- 🌐 **Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)** helps individuals, businesses and local authorities to reduce waste and recycle more, making better use of resources and helping to tackle climate change. www.wrap.org.uk
- 🌐 **National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP)** is a **free** business opportunity programme that delivers bottom line, environmental and social benefits and is the first industrial symbiosis initiative in the world to be launched on a national scale. www.nisp.org.uk
- 🌐 **Creative Environment Networks** - Raising awareness and building knowledge of Energy Efficiency amongst the general public is key to reducing our energy usage in order to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions. www.cen.org.uk
- 🌐 **Forest Stewardship Council** trademark indicates that the wood used to make a product comes from a forest which is well managed according to strict environmental, social and economic standards. Our free Advisory Service is able to answer all queries related to the FSC system, including FSC certificate verification. www.fsc-uk.org
- 🌐 **Energy Saving Trust** offers **free** advice on how to lower your Carbon emissions by making changes in your home. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk



-  **Green Achiever** is a partnership between E4 Emanager and Carbon UK. We have combined our skills and efforts to promote the Green Achiever Award scheme for Green Businesses that are striving to achieve a level of Environmental Excellence. Register and receive a **free** health check.
www.greenachiever.co.uk

Local help and advice – Green Partnerships

The type and scope of local help will depend on where your business is based, but there are a number of places you can begin your search, including:





-  **The Environment Agency** - Kent Office - Orchard House, Endeavour Park, London Road, Addington, West Malling, Kent, ME19 5SH - Tel: 08708 506506
-  **Kent County Council** offers advice on what you can do for recycling and reusing to help protect the environment. See the latest campaign activities www.kent.gov.uk/environment/
-  **Business Link Kent** offers a variety of information for businesses to become sustainable and the current environmental issues. There is also an online environmental compliance assessment: www.businesslinkkent.com
-  **Remade Kent & Medway** aim to create and sustain new markets for waste resources in order to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and to minimise CO2 emissions through the re-use and recycling of materials.
www.remade-southeast.co.uk
-  **EnviroBusiness** drive the growth of the environmental technologies and services sector. Through a membership organisation by creating new business development opportunities and promoting our members to the global market. www.envirobusiness.co.uk
-  **Kent Energy Centre** is a not for profit organisation offering free and impartial energy efficiency advice to all residents across Kent.
www.kentenergycentre.org.uk
-  **The Kent Sustainable Business Partnership** (KSBP) works with businesses large and small to enable them to develop sustainable environmental practices as a central and essential part of business operations.
www.egeneration.co.uk

Green Tourism and days out:

-  **Kent Downs** The primary purpose of AONB designation is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of these nationally important landscapes. Our overall aim is to protect the very resources upon which the visitor experience depends. www.kentdowns.org.uk/green_tourism
-  **Kent Wildlife Trust** is a charity aimed at preserving Kent's natural wildlife for the future. The website offers information on the Nature Reserves and gives information on the project work. www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

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Brogdale Farm offers visitors a fun day out in Kent to experience the beauty of the countryside, sample the healthy lifestyle options of local Kent produce, enjoy our Market Place of shops and crafts, and experience our range of food and drink in the tearoom. Festivals and Events are held throughout the year. www.brogdalecollections.co.uk
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National East Kent As part of the NEK Initiative's commitment to support the sustainable regeneration of rural and coastal East Kent communities, the East Kent Partnership has launched the Green Tourism Project. www.nek.org.uk/green-tourism
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Explore Kent provides information on great days out in Kent, walking, cycling and riding. Also open spaces, parks and nature reserves within Kent, for a green day out in the Kent Countryside. www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/explore-kent

Exchange/ recycling networks

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The Environmental Suppliers Directory is a free tool which allows users to search for organisations that work within the waste, construction, renewable energy and pollution control sectors that offer environmental solutions, products, services and advice in Kent, Medway and East Sussex. <http://64.78.35.202/kent/services/kbd/index.asp>
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The egeneration Kent & Medway Materials Exchange is an ideal tool for advertising businesses excess resources or resource requirements. Businesses can either place materials that they no longer need or can search for materials that they require. www.egeneration.co.uk/kent/services/exchange/index.asp
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The egeneration Kent & Medway Recycling Directory is an ideal tool for finding businesses that can recycle or reprocess materials that your business no longer needs. It is also an excellent place to advertise your business if you offer a reprocessing or recycling service for waste materials. www.egeneration.co.uk/kent/services/exchange/rd/list_types.asp
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Community RePaint is an award-winning UK network of 70 community-based paint reuse projects. Leftover paint is collected from householders, DIY stores and from Painters and decorators. The paint is stored at the local premises and then redistributed to local charities, community and voluntary groups and individuals in social need. Paint is usually offered **free** of charge. www.communityrepaint.org.uk

Green Volunteering Charities in Kent



- ✿ **Volunteering England** works to support and increase the quality, quantity, impact and accessibility of volunteering throughout England.
www.volunteering.org.uk
- ✿ **BTCV Kent** is based in the Singleton Environment Centre, Ashford. The charity offers a collection of successful projects across Kent, as well as training opportunities, Green Gyms, community warden schemes, compost advisers and a range of practical activities.
www2.btcv.org.uk/display/btcv_kent

Recycling:

- ♻️ **Recycle Now** is the national recycling campaign for England, aimed at encouraging more of us to recycle more things, more often and to understand the positive benefits of our actions. Locate your local recycling centre or shop for recycled products. www.recyclenow.com
- ♻️ **Recycle-more** is the one-stop recycling information centre. You will find help and advice on all aspects of recycling at home, at school and in the workplace right here! Use the search facilities to look for your local recycling centre.
www.recycle-more.co.uk
- ♻️ **The Kent Exchange** is a **free** service which aims to promote the reuse and recycling of what is traditionally considered "waste". www.kentexchange.org.uk
- ♻️ **Recycle.co.uk** is a **free** giveaway website to recycle all your unwanted items for free to people in your area. users can register and help the environment plus find new homes for your unwanted items at the same time.
www.recycle.co.uk
- ♻️ **Furniture Re-use Network** is the national body which supports, assists and develops charitable re-use organisations across the UK. To reduce poverty by helping households in need access furniture, white goods and other household items at affordable prices. www.frn.org.uk
- ♻️ **Freecycle Network™** is made up of 4,363 groups with 5,106,000 members across the globe. It's a non-profit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Membership is free and when you sign up you find your local community. www.freecycle.org

Sustainable Transport:



- 🚲 **Byways Bicycle Hire** hires out bicycles and organises cycling holidays and day trips. Guided tours are available daily throughout the summer. Seasalter Whitstable, Tel: 01227 277347
- 🚲 **Spokes** is an active campaign group set up to encourage cycling and publicise its benefits. Based in East Kent they publish a free quarterly newsletter on cycling issues and organise a full programme of rides and cycling events in and around Kent. www.spokeseastkent.org.uk

-  **Sustrans** is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity. Our vision is a world in which people choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment. www.sustrans.org.uk
-  **Go Cycle Kent** is your ultimate guide to two-wheeled fun, fitness and adventure in the glorious Garden of England. Keep fit, see more of the countryside, join a club, buy a new bike or check out the details of a cycling event near you. www.gocyclekent.co.uk



Kentish Produce:

-  **Produced in Kent** aims to raise the profile of everything produced in the county. Use their website to find out about Kentish products and producers and where and when to buy locally. www.producedinkent.co.uk
-  **The Big Barn** features recipes for what's in season and a directory of food suppliers in your local area. www.bigbarn.co.uk
-  **South East Food Group Partnership (SEFGP).** Represents and supports local food groups and producers in the South East of England with marketing, trade development, business support & training. Funded by the South East England Development Agency, they aim to help food and drink producers across the region grow their businesses. www.sefgp.co.uk
-  **Kent's Farmers' Markets** offers a list of local farmers markets on its interactive map. It's not just fresh fruit, vegetable and meat. You'll find bread, cheese, cakes, jams and chutneys - even healthy ready meals. The stallholders can tell you where and how the products they sell were farmed or processed. www.kentfarmersmarkets.org.uk

Green Accommodation:

-  **The Green Tourism Business Scheme** is the leading sustainable tourism certification scheme in the UK, with over 1400 members. Businesses opting to join are assessed by a qualified grading advisor against a rigorous set of criteria, covering a range of areas, like energy and water efficiency, waste management, biodiversity and more. www.green-business.co.uk
-  **Ecoescape®** is a green travel guide and online directory of environmentally friendly places to stay and visit. It is a meeting place for green travellers to raise awareness of sustainable travel in the UK and promote responsible escapism globally. www.ecoescape.org

Green Online discussion forums:

-  **Greener People** is a free online forum for discussions about anything green and sharing eco friendly ideas. www.greenerpeople.com
-  **Guide me Green** is an online forum with discussions on compost, environmental jobs, courses and green business advice. www.guidemegreen.com/forum

Best Practise in other regions:

Green Island Tourism – Isle of Wight sustainable tourism network

Green Island is a programme aimed at developing a more sustainable, environmentally sensitive tourism industry on the Isle of Wight. All businesses featured within this site are members of the Green Island Awards Scheme and are all graded with either **Gold, Silver or Bronze** standards depending on their commitment to improved environmental, economic & social performance.

The site also provides a full guide to Green Activities, Green Accommodation, Attractions, Travel, Island Food & Drink, Arts, Wildlife, Isle of Wight Events, Green Tourism News and generally all things 'green', funky and sustainable on the Isle of Wight! www.greenislandtourism.org

Green Tourism Advice - Devon is part of a wider sustainable tourism initiative led by South Hams District Council to improve sustainability in tourism businesses in South Devon and beyond. Here you will find over 40 case studies of award winning businesses in Devon with Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS) accreditation. www.greentourismadvice.co.uk

Scotland's Sustainable Tourism website is aimed at tourism businesses; this site provides information on all aspects of sustainable tourism development. The website provides case studies on other best practise and business advice. www.greentourism.org.uk

Cornwall Sustainable Tourism Project (CoaST)

Works with everyone involved in tourism in Cornwall to ensure tourism delivers social, economic and environmental benefits to Cornwall, as well as a fantastic holiday destination for visitors. Tourism businesses can become a member to receive benefits such as the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

www.cstn.org.uk

Green Box – Ireland's EcoTourism Destination

The Greenbox is emerging as Ireland's first genuine ecotourism destination with a set of standards based on sound environmental practices highlighting all that the region and its people has to offer. The area of the Greenbox includes Counties Fermanagh, Leitrim, West Cavan, North Sligo, South Donegal and North West Monaghan.

www.greenbox.ie