

Our New Year's Resolution

When we opened Merchants back in 2006 it was with the intent to do the best we could for our community. Locally, Nationally and Globally.

So far, some of the things that we have achieved are;

Supporting local businesses;

All of the produce we serve is purchased as locally as possible cutting down the carbon created by transport and encouraging the local economy.

Demanding the use of eco-friendly packaging from our suppliers;

All of our food is delivered in recyclable, eco-friendly packaging wherever possible



Using Sustainable suppliers;

All of the fish we serve is either farmed, or caught pole-and-line

We only use free-range, freedom farmed meat;

The better livestock's quality of life, the better they taste.

We are a Zero Landfill business;

None of our waste goes to landfill. Anything that isn't recycled is burned to create energy, reducing the need for fossil fuels

Our Furniture is recycled;

Our benches and wooden tables have been hand built from church pews bought by Jason, from a church that was raising money to create a youth centre in Yorkshire.



We aim to never use palm oil or products containing palm oil;

Palm oil production is destroying livelihoods and habitats in Indonesia and South East Asia. If a dish must contain it, we try to ensure it is from a sustainable source.

We use LED energy saving lightbulbs throughout the building;

And the candles we use to light the tables of an evening are rechargeable LEDs.

We only purchase food that we are going to sell each day;

Every day we serve fresh food. We hate waste of any kind and have gotten pretty good at making sure we don't.

The chemicals we use in cleaning are non-toxic;

Our beerline cleaner, sanitizers & degreasers are all eco-friendly
Our Dishwashers and Glasswashers use eco-friendly rinse-aids and detergents

We only use bio-degradable straws made from recycled materials.



This year, we aim to do more. We aren't being political, and we certainly are not putting ourselves on any pedestal. It's important to us that our guests know we genuinely work really hard to future proof the environment we live in.

We have lots of projects for the forthcoming year, and shall no doubt shout about them if and when they come to fruition.

Got any ideas, we would love to hear them