

## Plastic Free Dorchester Business Case Study

### Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant

Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant is a 5 star luxury hotel with 24 bedrooms, a 3 AA rosette restaurant and a Spa set in the picturesque village of Evershot.

### What plastics were eliminated?

It has been our ethos from day one to eliminate the amount of plastics at the hotel with our mission to get all single use plastics eliminated by 2022. The hotel has already made good progress eliminating plastics and substituting alternative materials. These include:

- Cereals delivered in big tubs and served in glass jars
- Glass bottles for water using Belu, with a percentage of profits going to Water Aid
- Summer Lodge branded reusable water bottles for guest use
- Serving yoghurt and compotes in bowls
- Paper straws
- Takeaway coffee cups made out of cardboard and compostable lids
- Loose tea or tea bags from Clipper
- Metal pens
- Paper cotton buds, bamboo toothbrushes, soap in recycled packaging

### Summer Lodge General Manager, Alex Mackenzie, says:

'Summer Lodge and Red Carnation Hotels are very passionate about treading right and light, and we like to encourage our guests to think about the environment around them. It's also about putting pressure on suppliers as we all have a responsibility to the environment and it's important we all work together and make a difference. If we don't all work together we will leave the generations to follow us in a terrible mess. Not only is it the right thing to do but it also makes good commercial sense. We have noticed in the past few years that people are starting to choose their business partners and companies they wish to associate with based on how eco-friendly they are.'

### Top tip

Never give up searching for alternatives to plastics, if you can't find what you need you need to put pressure on your suppliers to find or produce the alternative.



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