

## Whatley Manor becomes first climate positive UK hotel

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**UK: Whatley Manor Hotel & Spa, located in the Cotswolds, has been recognised as the [UK's first climate positive hotel](#).**

Whatley Manor began its sustainability and decarbonisation strategy in February 2019. Key areas of focus included energy efficiency, waste reduction, community engagement, and funding climate action.

Having partnered with NOW Transforming Hospitality GmbH and EarthCheck, Whatley Manor achieved EarthCheck Silver certification in September 2022. The [property](#) then joined the NOW Climate Positive Programme to access further support.

Alexa Poortier, founder of NOW Transforming Hospitality GmbH, said:  
“Advancing sustainability is about preserving, protecting, and regenerating the places we love the most. Funding climate action to achieve climate positive is about buying us more time to enhance the resilience of our planet and societies. A stay at the luxurious Whatley Manor is about having inspiring experiences with integrity that make a difference to our world and future generations.”

Additionally, the hotel funded climate action by investing in a Cookstove Project in Kenya and purchased carbon credits certified by Gold Standard to offset more than its residual 1778 tonnes of CO2 emitted in 2022. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) were also met during the initiative, such as SDG 7 Affordable & Clean Energy with the provision of bio-ethanol fuel cookstoves.

Owner of Whatley Manor, Christian Landolt said: “At Whatley Manor, we believe that luxury should not come at the expense of the environment. Becoming the first climate positive hotel in the UK is a testament to the team’s dedication to create a positive impact on the planet while delivering an exceptional guest experience. Despite our significant achievements so far, there is still much to do, our actions do not stop here and we cannot/will not rest on our laurels. We are committed to achieving climate positive each year to ensure we carry on being responsible for more than our current emissions, respecting nature, people and planet.”