Greening Jessie Mac's Years 5-7

**We aim to make Jessie Mac's as sustainable as possible.
Here are some of the actions that we are already taking:**

Energy

We aim to reduce our energy use by 45% per guest by the end of 2017 but still keeping our guests **toasty** (based on 2011 use). We will also increase the thermal comfort of guests by optimising insulation and installing secondary glazing. We have:

- Set an energy reduction target
- Measure our electricity & gas use monthly
- Improved controls for heating throughout building
- Reinstated shutters in dining room
- Replaced all tungsten bulbs with low energy ones where possible

Waste

We aim to recycle 90% of our waste by the end of 2017:

- Asking guests to help by ordering breakfast in advance and using recycling bins
- Carrying out waste audits
- Separating waste into 5 streams with 4 for recycling

Buying

We aim to support local producers and employ local staff, buying organic and Fairtrade products where possible. We've started by

- Providing at least 4 Fairtrade products (including coffee & bananas)
- Providing a Perthshire sourced breakfast, organic where possible
- Source at least 50% of our produce from Scotland

Travel

We aim to cut our own travel and encourage guests and suppliers to cut theirs. We've started by:

- Putting an information folder in the lounge on public transport
- Giving clear instructions on public transport links on our website
- Moving from 2 cars to 1 car and 1 bike

Wildlife

We aim to encourage environmental awareness & promote biodiversity. We've started by:

- Promoting local nature charities, reserves and initiatives
- Winter bird feeding
- Staff volunteering at Loch of the Lowes nature reserve & conservation work days
- Take part in RSPB's Big Annual Bird Survey

What next? Some of our ideas for the future
Retain Gold level in Green Business Scheme
Top up roof insulation
Install secondary glazing throughout
Work with hostel in area affected by climate change

Any suggestions?