

Conferences Go Green with QHotels

QHotels is rolling out the green carpet to delegates as it announces that it has successfully reduced energy consumption year on year by 61% across its group of 21 unique hotels – smashing its target of 30%.

QHotels Managing Director Michael Purtill said: “As the chair of our CSR steering group, I am delighted that we have surpassed our CSR goals, which were largely achieved by bringing together a dedicated team to ensure environmental best practice across the group. In 2009 all 21 hotels and our central office were awarded either a silver or bronze Green Tourism Business Scheme accreditation and we introduced measures such as water flow regulators for all showers and digital gas meters that can record data every half hour. These energy-saving initiatives mean we have saved 2,747 tonnes of CO₂ – and we’re constantly looking for new ways to reduce this even further.”

To mark the achievement, The Queens Hotel in Leeds replaced its iconic red carpet leading to the entrance with green turf. Hotel General Manager David Kanarens said: “Reducing energy consumption has been a massive priority for us at The Queens. Our in house Green Team is absolutely committed to getting us all to think and act green. We know that corporate responsibility is high on the agenda of many companies and conference organisers who are constantly striving to find more efficient ways of working. We are passionate about ensuring all of our guests can reduce their carbon footprint whilst hosting their meeting or event at a QHotel.”

QHotels is also encouraging suppliers to take a green approach to business: in 2009 QHotels’ Director of Procurement Andrew Tait developed a checklist for existing and prospective suppliers to ensure the environmental charter was carried across all areas of the business. This process has led to use of Fair Trade tea, sustainable coffee and hot chocolate in hotel bedrooms and all QHotels are actively encouraged to introduce more locally supplied food to their menus.

Not content with their achievements so far, QHotels is continuing to implement further green targets for 2010/11. Plans include ensuring a ratio of 70/30 in favour of recycling to landfill, compared to the industry standard ratio of landfill waste vs. recycling of 50/50.

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- That's all for now -

The QHotels 21: **The Westerwood Hotel & Golf Resort** - Near Glasgow... **Aldwark Manor Golf & Spa Hotel** - York... **The Queens** - Leeds... **Forest Pines Hotel & Golf Resort** - North Lincolnshire... **Tankersley Manor** – Tankersley, Nr Sheffield... **The Midland** - Manchester... **The Park Royal** – Stretton, Warrington... **Crewe Hall** – Crewe, Cheshire... **The Nottingham Belfry** - Nottingham... **Telford Hotel & Golf Resort** – Telford, Shropshire... **Stratford Manor** - Stratford-upon-Avon... **The Stratford** - Stratford-upon-Avon... **Chesford Grange** – Kenilworth, Warwickshire... **Hellidon Lakes Golf & Spa Hotel** – Hellidon, Northamptonshire... **The Cheltenham Chase Hotel** - Cheltenham, Gloucestershire... **The Cambridge Belfry** – Cambourne, Cambridge... **The Oxford Belfry** –Thame, Oxford... **The Hampshire Court Hotel** - Basingstoke, Hampshire... **Norton Park** - Winchester, Hampshire... **Bridgewood Manor** – Chatham, Kent... **Ashford International Hotel** – Ashford, Kent

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A little bit about us:

- QHotels prides itself in its collection of 21 carefully nurtured, unique properties throughout the UK. Some hide away in the most beautiful countryside, some preside over bustling city centres, but each with its own little idiosyncrasies, ensures guest enjoy a truly unique experience - whether staying for pleasure or business.
- Founded in 2003 by Managing Director - Michael Purtill, Sales Director - David Taylor, Finance Director – Ian Goulding and investment company Alchemy Partners; the collection has grown from 2 to 21 properties over the last five years.
- The collection, which boasts iconic properties including The Midland in Manchester, The Queens in Leeds and Crewe Hall in Cheshire, has been voted AA Hotel Group of the Year 2008/09 and is ranked 17th in The Times Buyout FastTrack register of the 100 fastest growing private equity backed businesses... one of the few companies to feature in the top 100 in two consecutive years. In addition to this... January 2009 alone saw QHotels shortlisted for the Business Hotel Brand of the Year

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