



Home Farm Cranmer Sustainable Holiday Accommodation Development 1998 - 2023

YEAR	ACTIONS	GREEN ACTIVITY
1998 Nov	Home farm purchase – Farmhouse outbuildings & approx 6.5 acres of farmland - lapsed planning permission for 13 holiday cottages. Farmhouse requiring considerable updating – Early Arts & Crafts barns derelict – dated 1855	Preservation of local heritage/distinctiveness
1999 April	Lynne John & Emily Johnson move into partially converted farmhouse	
1999	Planning permission for 8 holiday cottages. EETB – East of England Tourist Board capital grant scheme – European objective 5b awarded £20,000 towards costs of conversion of outbuildings for 4 holiday cottages. Building works for cottages begin. Roofs re-slatted recycling original slates where possible. Brickwork repaired original bricks recycled Original Victorian roof trusses repaired & preserved. Original Victorian brick dental course detail repaired & preserved Modern brickwork garage & store additions demolished. Core Victorian model farm buildings preserved. Victorian well reinstated	Sustainability
1999	3000 trees planted as perimeter hedge + 50 traditional Norfolk apple and pear trees planted as orchard. Grove of oak trees planted in East paddock. Partial grant aided under Norfolk landscape conservation.	Environmental
2000 July	4 cottages open – Awarded 4**** English Tourist Board	

2001 Mar	1300 trees planted in gardens and East paddock	Environmental
2002	5 th barn converted - Woodpecker cottage opened	
2002	1.8 acres of land purchased as meadow on west boundary for woodland creation.	Environmental
2003	Redundant building grant from EEDA - East of England Development Agency funding under the single programme - £20,750.00. Project to convert threshing barn and adjacent barn for swimming pool and changing rooms. Brick work repaired using traditional lime mortar and recycled bricks & slates. Victorian queen trusses repaired and preserved. Original Arts & Crafts barn doors preserved. Traditional fabric of the building preserved and bought back into use.	Sustainability and conservation
2004 Mar	3000 trees planted on west meadow & East paddock	Environmental
2004 Feb	Indoor heated swimming pool opens with heat recovery system and electrolytic salt sanitisation system. Pool also available for community use - private memberships & local children's swimming lessons - ongoing Employment of manager	
2005	Investors In People Award - To work towards investing effectively with all our employees	Community
2005	Runners up in East of England tourism awards - Best Self Catering holiday in the Eastern region	
2006 Oct	Local Bird and insect species report commissioned for land around Home Farm	Environmental
2007	2 tennis courts built - cleared up area previously used for building materials - area re landscaped - hedges improved.	
2007	Cranmer Country Cottages - Sustainable business plan review	Sustainability
2007	1200 trees planted in meadow and tennis court area + 180 planted in cottages garden area	Environmental
2007	Cranmer Country Cottages win Best Self-Catering Holiday award for the Eastern region & runner up in EDP tourism awards.	
2008	Joined Green Tourism Business Scheme.	Communication
2008	Planning permission granted for 20kw Wind Turbine & 3 additional eco design barn conversions.	Environmental/sustainability
2008	3500 trees planted to reinstate field boundary in farmland	Environmental
2008	163 acres of surrounding farmland purchased to	Environmental/sustainability

Dec	safeguard business	
2009 Mar	Website redesigned to promote responsible tourism activities.	Communication
2009 April	Swimming pool solar heating system commissioned	Resource efficiency
2009 July	20kw Wind turbine commissioned	Resource efficiency/environmental
2009	65m borehole drilled and commissioned to supply water to all properties and pool.	Resource efficiency
2009	Electricity supply changed to Ecotricity –energy from clean green electricity generators. Ecotricity are a supplier in line with own ethos energy made from the elements, wind, sun and sea.	Resource efficiency/environmental
2009 Aug	Heat Pumps installed & commissioned – 3 x 90m boreholes supply water and ground source heat. Solar thermal system installed & commissioned to supply heating and hot water to 3 new eco barns. Original dairy floor bricks, timber trusses and Victorian red bricks recycled.	Resource efficiency
2009	Glass recycling facility & waste recycling area provided for guest use.	Waste management
2009 Aug	3 new eco cottages open graded 5***** by Visit Britain. North end of the site re-landscaped and grassed. Further tree planting planned.	Sustainability
2009 Nov	Cranmer Country cottages achieve Gold award for Green Business Tourism	Communication/green tourism
2009	Cranmer's new Garden House eco property wins EDP award for best self- catering Holiday in Norfolk	Communication
2010	Historic Environment record consultation for land at Home Farm Cranmer	Environmental
2010 Feb	Carbon Trust interest free loan agreed – Loan to cover the cost of replacing existing gas boilers with Velux solar thermal system - reducing carbon emissions for 2 cottages.	Resource efficiency
2010 April	Swallow & Woodpecker original cottages Green refurbishment – solar and heat pump installed-original LPG boilers removed. Swallow cottage Rayburn converted to electric energy supplied by wind turbine. Efficient eco condensing LPG boiler provides back up water heating for winter months. Laminate flooring replaced with eco friendly bamboo flooring. Local artwork and photography featured in new eco cottages.	Resource efficiency
2010	163 acres of Cranmer Farmland entered into	Environmental – wildlife and

	Natural England HLS Scheme - to conserve and enhance the natural environment and support local biodiversity.	biodiversity enhancement
2010	Garden House wins North Norfolk District Council environmental Green Buildings Award	Communication
2010	Cranmer Country Cottages finalists in EDP & EET Sustainable Tourism Awards	Communication
2011	Cranmer Country Cottages featured in C2C network initiatives guide – recommended by Suffolk County Council.	Communication
2011	Cranmer Country Cottages featured in CPRE Booklet – Green Buildings in Norfolk volume II	Communication
2011	CPRE Green Buildings open days hosted at Cranmer Country Cottages – featuring green technologies & land management	Communication
2011	RDPE (LEADER) funding approval for conversion of former barn to – Green conference venue at Cranmer. Cranmer Country Cottages recognised as a Centre of excellence for local green tourism	Sustainability
2011	September – New cycle store provided to encourage guests to get out and about by bike	Green tourism
2011	Solar PV installation – 10kW – further contribution of electricity generated on site & fed into national grid	Resource efficiency
2011	CPRE Green Buildings open days hosted at Cranmer Country Cottages – featuring green technologies & land management.	Communication
2011	Home Farm Bird Survey commissioned though the RSPB Volunteer & Farmer Alliance 2011.	Environment/wildlife
2012	Lighting energy use survey –remaining tungsten and tungsten halogen light sources replaced with compact fluorescent lamps or LED lamps.	Resource efficiency
2012	Green Room – Green meeting room opened now available for local business and community use hire.	Resource efficiency
2013	Woodland management programme initiated at Home Farm – coppicing will provide wood for the biomass district heating system at Cranmer Country Cottages.	Resource efficiency
2014	Biomass boiler commissioned. Woodchip boiler supplies space heating and hot water to swimming pool and original cottages converted in 2000. 98% of all energy supplied to the Home Farm site is now from renewable sources.	Resource efficiency
2014	Ground source heat pump & solar thermal –	Resource efficiency

Nov	heat meters fitted registered for RHI	
2014	Finalist in the Green Tourism Goldstar Awards	Communication
2018	Home Farm Bird Survey commissioned through the RSPB Volunteer & Farmer Alliance 2015	Environment/Wildlife
2019	Carbon Footprint Analysis carried out by Groundwork East	Resource efficiency
2019	Bee Anglia Energy resource project. Review & update of all light fittings internal external and swimming pool. The replacement of CFL lamps with LED lamps is estimated to save 5.7 tCO ₂ e per year, from 2079 on completion of the project	Resource efficiency
2019	External light fittings were replaced with new fittings to reduce the upward glare of lighting & timers to provide dark skies at night.	Environment/wildlife
2019	Awarded Norfolk Carbon Charter Gold Award	Resource efficiency
2019	Awarded Trip Advisor Green Award	Communication
2019	Water saving reassessment - flow reducers & Ecocamel shower heads fitted.	Resource efficiency
2022	Farmland entered into the Countryside scheme	Environment/wildlife
2022	2 x Electric Vehicle charging points installed in the lower car park.	Environment
2023	Touch Stay digital guest guide in process	Resource Efficiency/Communication
2023	Owl Box sponsored at Hawk % Owl Trust	Community
2023	Website updated with new sustainability page	Communication
2023	Greencheck assessment completed	Communications