

Case Study Clanard Court Hotel



Joining the Climate Action Programme has reshaped how we view operational performance... sustainability is now part of our business thinking

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Starting the journey

We recognised that acting on sustainability is a necessity, not an option, and felt that it was time to take structured, measurable action. Fáilte Ireland's Climate Action Programme offered us the framework we needed to move from good intentions to real results. Their Programme Advisor was instrumental in guiding us through the early phases, helping us review all relevant operational data to build a clear picture of our existing footprint.



Key figures

- 13,800 kWh energy generated in six months since installation of 70 kW solar panels
- 34% total energy consumption for 2024 generated by 250 kW biomass heating system
- 70% saving on LPG (a 74,000-litre reduction) compared to 2019
- 30% reduction in carbon emissions between 2019 and 2024

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Making changes for the better

The Programme Advisor's support has helped us avoid guesswork and **focus on what really matters**. We've been able to make sense of our data, identify areas for realistic improvement, and join the dots between **small operational tweaks** and **long-term strategy and investment opportunities**. Understanding our patterns has allowed us to adjust our behaviour, and our **staff are more engaged**; there's a stronger sense of ownership across departments.

Moving towards a greener future

If every hotel in Ireland joined the Climate Action Programme, we'd have a **stronger industry and more resilient tourism future**. You don't need to know everything, you just need the will to improve, so **start small, measure everything, and involve your team early**. Our own near-term goals are to **improve monitoring and control of our utilities**, followed by exploration into **social sustainability initiatives, community engagement, and further funding options**.

About Clanard Court Hotel

The family-owned Clanard Court in south County Kildare boasts 47 guest rooms and suites, and a resident herd of alpacas!

We are an existing member of the Green Hospitality Programme Ireland, and were a Green Awards Finalist for Green Tourism & Entertainment in both 2023 and 2025. In 2024, we embarked on a variety of new sustainability initiatives and policies based on Fáilte Ireland's Climate Action Programme.



About the Climate Action Programme

This case study is part of Fáilte Ireland's Climate Action Programme – designed to help tourism and hospitality businesses cut costs and lower their carbon footprint.

Through the programme, you can:

- Cut costs through reduced consumption and improved efficiency;
- Access ongoing expert advice, tailored support, and practical resources;
- Upskill your team with bespoke climate action training.

Find out more at failteireland.ie/climateactionprogramme