

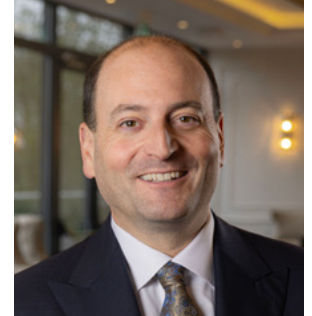
# Case Study Vienna Woods Hotel

The Climate Action Programme gives historic properties and heritage hotels like ours the tools to remain competitive, relevant, resilient and responsible

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Cork's Vienna Woods Hotel

## Starting the journey

Our motivation to join Fáilte Ireland's Climate Action Programme was grounded in our belief that **preserving our building's heritage** and traditions goes hand in hand with **protecting the environment** for future generations. As a protected Victorian house, we're restricted from making certain structural changes, but from the start, the Programme Advisor helped us see that **limitations don't mean inaction**. Their **reassuring and practical advice** helped us focus on what we could do.



## Key figures

- €16,500 estimated annual savings from water optimisations
- €8,700 potential net annual savings through enhanced waste handling measures
- €1,500 potential annual savings through food and beverage optimisation measures

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## Making changes for the better

By **balancing heritage with innovation**, the Climate Action Programme has helped us turn what might seem like challenges into strategic opportunities. We've **brought structure** to our planning, making sustainability part of everyday conversation, and begun identifying easy wins, e.g., **eliminating unnecessary lighting**, **reducing heating hours** in underused areas, and **addressing operational habits** that contribute to waste. It's not flashy, but it's real, and it's effective.

## Moving towards a greener future

Don't let the age of your building stop you from getting involved – once you **lean into the support** that Fáilte Ireland offers, the Climate Action Programme meets you where you are. **Start small, but start now**. Our own current focus is on **better monitoring tools** for energy and water, implementing **structured waste tracking and separation**, and expanding **staff training and engagement** across all departments to build a more responsible future.

### About Vienna Woods Hotel

The Vienna Woods is a family-owned and family-run hotel overlooking the Glashaboy River on the peaks of Glanmire, Co. Cork. Built in 1756, the hotel is a heritage property steeped in Cork traditions.

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.

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