

## A green award for converted stables



An 18th-century stable block that has been converted into two luxury self-catering units has been given a Green Tourism Business Scheme Gold Award.

The eco-renovation of the Manor House Stables in Lincolnshire has retained many original features. New features include solar panels, a wood-pellet boiler, organic wool mattresses, recycled cotton rugs and wall insulation using natural materials, including cotton and hemp.

Instead of cement, layers of insulating limecrete and recycled glass have been used. Paints and wood stains containing citrus essential oils and not industrial solvents were also used in the conversion.

Owner Sherry Forbes says: 'I really want to show that being "green" isn't being mean and that you don't have to sacrifice comfort while striving to be as environmentally-friendly as possible.'

Prices start at around £250 for a three-night break and £400 for weekly stays. The Manor House Stables are near the Edwardian spa town of Woodhall Spa and 20 minutes by car from the cathedral city of Lincoln.

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