

## LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

The guesthouse is based on the traditional local architecture taking a step further, using local elements in order to blend to the natural environment

In *Agrikea* we pay particular attention on the protection of the environment and on minimising the impact of our guesthouse activities on it.

**Water** is not abundant on the island and it comes from a few natural springs and some wells.

In *Agrikea* we collect the rain water in an 80 m<sup>3</sup> cistern for the needs of the guesthouse and top it up with water delivered from springs during the summer.

Particular attention has been placed in the recycling of the water used by the guesthouse for the watering of part of the farm with the use of a biological recycling tank.

The gardens are planted with local plants and trees which are drought tolerant, needing very little watering.

The guesthouse rooms and the laundry are all washed with **biological hypoallergenic cleaning products**.

We offer our guests natural biological soaps and shampoos.

### What can you do to contribute to the protection of the environment:

- Do not use chlorine and detol; Not only are they health hazards they are damaging the biological recycling tank of the guesthouse.
- Your towels are changed every day and your bed linen every other day. Please help us to reduce the unnecessary use of water and electricity by changing them when you wish so. Give us a sign leaving the towels you wish us to change in the sink and undoing the bed linen when you wish them changed.
- Please be conscious of the water usage when taking a shower and generally when using the taps.
- A bidet is installed in the bathroom for your comfort and to reduce the usage of toilet paper.
- Please separate your rubbish into recyclable for the rubbish bin in your bedroom and non recyclable in the rubbish bin in the bathroom. Any biodegradable rubbish please bring to us in the reception.

We avoid the use of **plastics**, using pasta straws and serve potable water only in glass bottles.

Only LED lamps are used in the guesthouse, which use very little **electricity**.

All the electrical appliances are energy class A or more.

The hot water is provided by solar panels when the weather allows it.

The bed linen and the towels are washed in high temperatures to be disinfected in washing machine energy class A++ and they are dried in the sun during the summer and drier in the winter. They are not ironed.

Instead of air-con, for cooling, the spaces are designed in such a way to take advantage of the natural flow of the north wind supported by energy efficient ceiling fans.

The **rubbish** of the guesthouse is separated into organic, which is buried on the farm for compost; into recyclable that is disposed of in special municipal bins and into normal rubbish.

To reduce the **emissions** in the atmosphere through heating, a ecologically efficient heat pump has been installed. The wood burner in the living room is an efficient double smoke burner.

For further information please do not hesitate to ask us.