

OUR 5 PHILOSOPHIES

The Combe Grove shop is an evolving space where we will be extending our values in support of our ethos of sustainability. A careful curation of locally sourced and artisan products that sit alongside our own homegrown produce and nutritious food to give peace of mind that you are shopping by the values that matter to all of us within the Combe Grove community. When choosing our partners, we make sure that goods fit at least two of our five philosophies. These guide our thoughtful decision-making and help us select products that are sustainable, artisan and local.

LOCAL

When it comes to continuing to reduce our carbon footprint, every product we choose or partner we work with is located as close to Combe Grove as possible. Working with producers and makers who are local to us is a top priority. In our pledge to be as sustainable as possible, not only does supporting local business help the local economy, it is also a demonstration of our dedication towards becoming net zero.

LOW IMPACT

We source thoughtfully, choosing products that are as environmentally friendly as possible and where possible, with either no or limited packaging. We think about how you can achieve this in our everyday actions and want to help our community in making small changes that make a big difference. We will not stock single-use products and only stock long lasting quality products. We aim to sell things which use natural materials, which are non-toxic and chemical free.

HERITAGE

Our heritage is very important to us and we endeavour to preserve and restore as much as possible at Combe Grove using traditional and hand-crafted techniques. As the shop evolves, this will extend to the things which we stock which in time will include hand thrown pottery, woven baskets and textiles that are naturally dyed, spun and woven on a loom. These time-honoured techniques add sentiment and connection to pieces and are a celebration of our heritage and craftsmanship.

ARTISAN

Artisan is a rich and complex word, but in essence products made by artisan craftsmen are made by a skilled and practiced professional who are emotionally invested in their work. We try and stock products created by small scale, local artisans. This helps us achieve our aspiration for only stocking high quality goods that are created with care and attention. Artisan, like heritage, values tradition and uses natural materials.

ORGANIC

Dovetailing with our work on the land and use of permaculture techniques to guide growing methods Combe Grove prioritises products that are organic and free from toxic chemicals such as industrial fertilisers and pesticides. This applies to all produce, not just our homegrown food and homemade refreshments.

You can read more about our green policy here:
<https://combegrove.com/green-policy/>