



Audit Year: 2010

GTBS Award: GOLD

Business Name: Caitin's Bar and Hostel

Business Type: Hostel & Bar

Location: County Kerry, EIRE

Website: www.caitins.com

Caitin's Bar and Hostel is situated on the Ring of Kerry in Ireland, midway between Glenbeigh and Cahirciveen. Overlooking Dingle Bay, the hostel has breathtaking views. Caitin's Hostel has recently been renovated to very high environmental and quality standards. The business offers both hostel and bed & breakfast accommodation and has also become a hub for community groups and events.

Community Benefits

Caitin's Bar and Hostel is located in a rather remote, rural setting and has evolved to become a much needed hub for local meetings and activities. Caitin's Bar acts as a community centre by providing facilities for social, sporting and cultural events such as yoga classes, games nights, community group meetings and numerous charity fundraising events.

By offering a place for the community to meet, community relations are strengthened and an authentic holiday experience is provided to guests of the area.

Economic Benefits

Caitin's Bar hosts many fundraising events and activities to raise money for local causes. In December 2010, the bar hosted a pub quiz in aid of the RNLI which raised over €500.

Other charitable activities include donating all GAA Football DVD sale profits to a local charity and a one euro towel hire charge which went to Tig in Oileann, a local charity that provides support for people affected by Down's Syndrome.

Local crafts and food produce are sold at Caitin's Bar providing guests with an authentic taste of the local area, as well as supporting the local economy.

Environmental Benefits

By providing a local community venue and outlet for local food produce, Caitin's Bar cuts down on local residents' road miles and producers' food miles.

Web Links

Royal National Lifeboat Institute: www.rnli.org.uk
Tourism information: www.discoverireland.ie/Southwest
Bee for Battens: www.beeforbattens.org