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Full of beans: Glyn Riley outside Green Bean in North Street, Bedminster

Green cafe brewing up for great success

A NEW eco-friendly coffee and gift shop has opened in Bedminster.

The Green Bean, run by Glyn and Cathy Riley in North Street, has been specifically designed with eco-friendliness in mind. All coffee sold has been certified by the Rainforest Alliance, which means that no trees were harmed in its production.

The milk is organic and is locally produced while the majority of the ingredients for the freshly-made baguettes and panninis are organic, fairly-traded or local.

A range of eco-gifts are also available, including clocks made from recycled coffee cups, handbags produced from the off-cuts of silk saris and reclaimed teak picture frames.

Cathy said: "We wanted to make the shop as eco-friendly as possible so every purchasing decision has been made with green credentials in mind."

The shop has a green electricity supplier and was fitted out with environmentally-friendly products such as bamboo flooring.

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