**AMMEND SECTIONS IN RED ACCORDINGLY**

**Eco Homes Open in Sunnydale**

Sunnydale (change this to the actual name of your town or village) residents have an opportunity this May to visit three homes in the village/town/area that have dramatically reduced their energy bills to find out how to do the same in their own homes. Local community group Sustainable Sunnydale are assisting three householders to open their doors to show people their solar panels, insulation and other measures that have cut their bills and helped the environment.

The homes are all taking part in the third annual *Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Open Homes* event which will see a total of 10 homes and buildings across the area open their doors to the public.

The three homes are:

Provide one short paragraph of details for each house. Include its address, the type of house it is, a brief description of its eco features, and the dates and time it will be open. For instance:

* 81 Warmer Road is a Victorian terrace which has had external solid wall insulation installed. It also features solar panels with generate electricity and a vegetable garden. Open on 10th May, 7pm-9pm and 11th May, 10am-4pm.
* 18 Sunny Street is a 1980’s semi-detatched house which has a straw bale extension added three years ago. It also features high levels of insulation and a greywater system. Open on 17th & 18th May, 10am-3pm both days.
* The residents at 10 Flower Court have reduced their energy usage by 25% over two years through a number of measures including insulation, thermally lined curtains, draft proofing and behavioural change. The tenants will be explaining how they worked with their landlord to make some of the changes. Open 17th May, 12pm-5pm.

ADD ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES:

Visitors are welcome to just turn up to the homes during their open hours.

OR

Visitors will need to pre-book to attend the events. Bookings can be made online at: (give a web address – you could, for example, use [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)) or by telephone on: 01234 567890.

The event is being organised by local charity Marches Energy Agency ([www.mea.org.uk](http://www.mea.org.uk)) and local authorities in the area and the 10 homes will feature a wide range of improvements to suit every budget. [www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes) For more information on all the homes taking part and their opening times visit: [www.everybodys-talking.org.uk/ecohomes](http://www.everybodys-talking.org.uk/ecohomes)

IF YOU’RE SHORT OF SPACE YOU COULD END THE ARTICLE HERE. IF YOU HAVE MORE SPACE ADD ONE OR BOTH OF THE QUOTES BELOW.

Joe Bloggs, Chair of Sustainable Sunnydale, said:

*‘Rising energy bills are affecting everyone and there’s also a pressing environmental need to reduce our energy use and get energy from renewable sources. This event is an opportunity to see solutions in real homes and talk to the people who live there.’*

Caroline Harmon, of Marches Energy Agency, said:

*‘We’re lucky to have lots of energy efficient, eco homes like those in Sunnydale in the area. Last year, more than 300 people visited a home in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Why not come and get inspired this year?’*