

## Community Climate Action Email February 2014

Welcome to the Community Climate Action newsletter, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers and thanks to those who have contributed items this month.

### From the Editor

Welcome to a new-look e-newsletter from the Community Climate Action Network. I hope you like it!

Just over a week ago we ran our first Energy Efficient Communities event in Matlock with resident from across Derbyshire who are, or want to, take action to help their communities adopt energy efficiency and renewable energy. Afterwards, the Keynote Speaker for the day, my colleague Simon Ross, echoed my thoughts when he said: 'I was really struck by the depth of knowledge and experience amongst those who came.' The amount and quality of activity going on in the area is also apparent when you look at the 'Local Events' section of this newsletter – you could almost attend an event every day of the month if you had the time!

We're running the Energy Efficiency Communities event again, this time in Hockerton, Nottinghamshire on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We'd love to see you there, regardless of your current level of knowledge or experience. You can sign up online: <http://bit.ly/17U5FJF>

After the event there will be the option to attend a tour of Hockerton Housing Project. This must be booked separately [directly with the project](#) and there is a cost (choose the tour that starts at 2pm on 15<sup>th</sup> March).

If you have installed energy efficiency or renewable measures in your home and would like to take part in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Week (10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May) then we are running a training/skillshare event in Chesterfield on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please email us if you're interested in taking part: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk).

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### Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the March e-newsletter please send it to us by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: [ccan@mea.org.uk](mailto:ccan@mea.org.uk)**

### Local Events

#### University of Derby Community Fund Launch Event

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30am-12pm

People Express, West Street, Swadlincote DE11 9DG

University of Derby is launching a new Community Fund which will make small grants to benefit communities in the following South Derbyshire wards: Church Gresley,- Midway, Newhall & Stanton, Swadlincote and Woodville. To book a place contact Eric Clayton at South Derbyshire CVS on 01283 550163 or email: [ericc@sd cvs.org.uk](mailto:ericc@sd cvs.org.uk)

<http://sd cvs.wordpress.com/2014/02/07/community-fund-launch/>

### **Frack Free Notts meeting**

Tuesday 11th February, 7pm for new members, 7.30pm for regular members  
Fade and the Hard to Find Cafe, Mansfield Road, Nottingham

Next meeting of the Frack Free Nottinghamshire meeting. Find out an update on the current situation on fracking in Nottinghamshire and join one of the working groups taking action to prevent this. A Nottingham University study has shown that the public are continuing to reject fracking as a solution to tackling our energy supply. Now is a great time to get involved in this dynamic group.

Email [frackfreenotts@gmail.com](mailto:frackfreenotts@gmail.com) for more details

### **Environmental Quality Mark**

Wednesday 12 Feb 2014, 10.30am - 3.00pm  
Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Achieving the EQM award shows your customers how passionate you are about the Peak District. It gives you recognition for all the great things you do to look after Peak District, its people and the environment. Book your place by replying to this e-mail, or calling on 07702452777. Here are just some of the benefits of the Environmental Quality Mark award:

- Use of the EQM logo in your marketing, so you stand out from the competition
- Being part of a dynamic network of supportive, like-minded businesses
- Reducing your running costs by saving energy and water and reducing waste
- Learning how others succeed
- Up your Google rating with a listing on the Peak District National Park Authority website [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/eqm](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/eqm)
- Training opportunities
- Extra awards and promotional opportunities

### **Talk: Democracy and the Science Communication Environment**

Thursday 13th February, 6pm-7pm  
Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham

Professor Kahan will speak on the perceived gap between the scientific community and the general public - addressing the idea that individuals do not understand scientific claims, but rather that they make decisions based upon their values and beliefs. Professor Kahan will discuss how we can disseminate scientific information without threatening the values of any individual or group. To book your place, please email [cornelia.lawson@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:cornelia.lawson@nottingham.ac.uk)

## Public Lectures

University of Nottingham

- Thursday, February 13th: 1-2pm, Law & Social Sciences (West Wing), A100. Sujatha Raman (Institute for Science and Society, University of Nottingham) *"Making Things Public: the challenges of materiality for renewable energy transitions"*
- Thursday February 27th: 1-2pm, Law & Social Sciences (West Wing), A100. Jenni Metcalfe (University of Queensland, Brisbane & Econnect Communication  
'Climate change 'experts' on the internet soapbox: democratising science and the media through blogs')
- Friday, February 21st: 4-5pm, Sir Clive Granger Building, A40  
Simon Gosling & George Swann (School of Geography, University of Nottingham) *"Myths & controversies about climate change"*

<http://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/makingsciencepublic/2014/01/14/blogs-publics-and-controversies-climate-change-lectures-in-february/>

## Potato Day

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm-5pm

Loundsley Green Community Centre

Following on from Cheterfield' Potato Day, they will be selling remaining stock of 34 potato varieties, plus garlic.

## Transition Sherwood presents...Swishing!

Wednesday 19th February, Items can be dropped off between 3pm and 5pm or at 7pm. Event starts at 7.30pm

Chestnut Tree Pub, 482 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham, NG5 2EL

Swishing refers to swapping an item or items with friends or acquaintances. Parties must willingly give an item to participate in the transaction and, once they have given an item, they are free to choose something of interest from what others have offered. Swishing parties are usually restricted to clothes but Transition Sherwood is going to extend this to: clothes accessories (hats, gloves, scarves, jewellery), books, CD's, DVD's, small toys and games. An entrance charge of £2 will go towards the NG7 Food bank. Email [info@transitionsherwood.org.uk](mailto:info@transitionsherwood.org.uk) for more details

## Rotary Day Carbon Footprinting Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th February

Peel Centre, High Street, Dronfield

A coffee morning which will include a display indicating how rotary can help in determining your personal carbon footprint. Information on how to save energy will also be available along with advice on where to go for further information. It is also intended to make people aware of the new community Energy Strategy: People Powering Change. Dronfield Civic Society has given the Rotary Club the go ahead to look into forming a working group to take this Government initiative forward.

### **Cafe Sci: Green fuel - Environmentally Friendly and From Seaweed**

Monday 24th February, 8pm

Lord Roberts Pub, Broad Street, Nottingham

The rapid decline of fossil fuels and increase in carbon dioxide levels in our atmosphere has encouraged the production of biofuels from many different plant based feedstocks. Emily Kostas, a 2nd year PhD student, is working on a project that seeks to biorefine seaweeds which are native to the UK, for biofuel and valuable chemical production. This talk will cover; the reasons why we need to find alternative sources of energy, the current status of biofuels, why seaweeds are looking like a promising feedstock for biofuel production and their current research status, in addition to other products that can be extracted from seaweeds.

**MEETING FORMAT:** Our speaker talks, uninterrupted for 20 minutes, to introduce his topic. During a break to get drinks, the Hat goes round. Then there is an hour's chaired question and answer session. Cafe Sci is funded by the Hat (no sponsors). We suggest a contribution £5 (waged) or £2 - £3 (unwaged).

### **Making the Most of the Food We Eat**

Tuesday 25th February, 1pm-4.30pm

Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens, Nottingham

A joint event with Love Food Hate Waste & Notts Nosh

Would you like to find ways of saving up to £60 a month on your grocery bill? A FREE training session which answers this question, and many more. You don't even need to be an expert in the kitchen to pick up hints and tips which could help save you and your community money. [Book your place here](#)

### **Nottingham Critical Mass - Light Night**

Friday 28th February, 6pm for 6.30pm start

Meet at the bike locks, Market Square, Nottingham

Explore Nottingham City Centre by bike on this fun and exciting simple monthly bike ride. This month's theme is Light Night, so dress your bike up in lights!

### **Low Carbon Schools Conference**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2014

National College for Teaching and Leadership, Nottingham

Organised by Climate East Midlands and several Local Authorities

This event will explore what a low carbon school means in practice and why it's a desirable goal from a financial, educational and environmental perspective. Schools from across the region will be sharing their experiences. Speakers include Brian Owens, Headteacher at Edwalton Primary School in Nottinghamshire and Morgan Phillips, the new Education Manager for Eco-Schools.

[www.climate-em.org.uk/events/item/low-carbon-school-conference/](http://www.climate-em.org.uk/events/item/low-carbon-school-conference/)

## **Community Tree Planting at Whistlewood Common**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10am – 4pm

Come and be the first to plant trees at the new community-owned Whistlewood Common in Melbourne. We have hundreds of trees and hedging plants to plant as part of the Big Tree Plant thanks to Million Trees Derbyshire and the Woodland Trust. Everyone welcome – adults and children, and if you can't plant trees please come and help make tea, bring good cheer and sing songs of encouragement! Bring a spade if you have one, warm clothes and gloves. And please come whatever the weather as we need to get these trees in whatever the British weather throws at us! Groups, schools, organisations and corporations most welcome.

[www.whistlewoodcommon.org](http://www.whistlewoodcommon.org). Email [admin@whistlewoodcommon.org](mailto:admin@whistlewoodcommon.org) to confirm you attendance, and please see our website for transport options as there is no parking on or immediately near the site.

## **Derbyshire Community Foundation Funding Workshops**

Erewash - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am – 12.30pm at Erewash CVS, Granville Centre, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 4HD.

High Peak – 28 April 2014

Bolsover – 19 May 2014

Chesterfield – 12 May 2014

Derbyshire Dales – 12 May 2014

These events give you the opportunity to gain an insight into the work of the Foundation and how they can help you with funding requirements. The session will cover hints and tips for applying for funding in general and there will be a chance to discuss your particular project and which of the funds administered by the Foundation is suited to your needs. To book a place please contact Misbah Ramzan on 01773 514850 as soon as possible as places are limited.

## **Derbyshire Eco Centre Spring Fair: Woods and Water**

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-4pm

Free

A lively event with a vibrant atmosphere and a range of interesting demonstrations, activities, stalls and entertainment. The Spring Fair is a free community event featuring:

- Everything possible that is linked to our local woods and water
- A bustling market street of stalls
- Demonstrations skills and crafts, with a chance to try them
- Music and other entertainment
- Solar-powered cinema showing Derwent Valley films
- A host of exciting courses to enrol on, at discounted prices
- Craft demonstrations and fair to celebrate Derbyshire creativity
- Locally sourced food and bar
- Free activities for families and adults

This year, the Saturday will also feature the exciting launch of the DerwentWISE project. This is a heritage lottery funded project to celebrate the landscape of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

Organisations able to offer a free activity for families or adults that relates to the theme of 'Woods and Water' we can provide you with a free space, otherwise there is a small charge for stalls. Please provide us with details of what your activity will be if you wish to take this option. If you would like to offer a stall please contact: [osemary.maclennan@Derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:osemary.maclennan@Derbyshire.gov.uk) by 24<sup>th</sup> February. For general Derbyshire Eco Centre enquiries contact: 01629 533038 or [ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ecocentre@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Event**

10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Homes across the two counties will be opening their doors to show you what they have done to save energy and the planet. Everything from draught proofing, loft insulation and efficient lighting to solar panels, solid wall insulation and vegetable gardens will be on display. If you would like to open your own home, contact us to find out what support we can offer: [caroline.harmon@mea.org.uk](mailto:caroline.harmon@mea.org.uk). We will be holding a skillshare training event for all households opening their homes on 29<sup>th</sup> March in Chesterfield. If you would like to visit a home, keep an eye on our websites [www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes](http://www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes) /[www.greenopenhomes.net/](http://www.greenopenhomes.net/) for more information as we have it.

### **The Remarkable Recycling Gala!**

Sunday 22nd June, 11am-4pm

Sherwood Community Centre in Sherwood, Nottingham

Organised by Sherwood Art Week

This new one-day event will showcase how art can highlight issues around waste & recycling. Artists are required to apply to appear at this event. You could be a painter, a crafter, a workshop leader, a filmmaker, a musician, a poet, a storyteller, a dancer. Everyone is welcome to apply - but the theme must be around waste & recycling. Applications close 7th March.

[www.sherwoodartweek.co.uk/content/application-form-2014](http://www.sherwoodartweek.co.uk/content/application-form-2014).

### **Regular Meetings**

- Nottingham's World Development Movement group are next meeting on Wednesday 19th February, 7.30pm at The Salutation, Maid Marian Way. <http://groups.wdm.org.uk/nottingham/>
- Nottingham Friends of the Earth are next meeting on Tuesday 25th February, 7.30pm at Nottingham Friends Meeting House. Volunteers are needed to dress up as a bee and promote the National Action Plan for Bees consultation throughout March and April, contact [nottinghamfoe@hotmail.com](mailto:nottinghamfoe@hotmail.com)

### **Local News**

## **Derbyshire Solid Wall Insulation Initiative**

Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) has launched a Solid Wall Insulation project offering access to ECO grant funding toward the cost of insulating your home. RAD is working with the Starfish Group, a Derbyshire-based company. Solid wall insulation can result in savings of up to £400 on annual heating bills (based on current energy tariffs). Current levels of funding are only available until the end of March 2014. Householders who are interested should contact Joe Dugdale on 01629 821924, or 07743 850127.

## **Nottingham Fixers is recruiting repairers!**

Nottingham Fixers is a repair cafe based at Sneinton Market, Nottingham, aiming to reduce people throwing away broken items by fixing them and showing them how to fix. The project is looking to re-launch in April and is now looking for people who enjoy repairing items. The Restart Project based in London who do something similar was recently featured on The One Show on the BBC, which has shown how great this project is! Please get in touch if you can help - [info@nottinghamfixers.co.uk](mailto:info@nottinghamfixers.co.uk)

## **East Bridgford Community Wind Turbine Application –Support Needed**

The East Bridgford Community Energy IPS Ltd has submitted its second planning application after a previous refusal. The group of volunteers are seeking, within their limited financial means, to provide a 500/800Mw wind turbine to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and provide a return for investors and for the East Bridgford community. This second application addresses and, they believe, answers satisfactorily, the reason for the first refusal with one exception.

The village is surrounded by the Nottingham and Derby Green Belt in which development is only allowed under 'very special circumstances'. The Society claims that the benefit to the Environment and the local Community could provide these 'very special circumstances.' The projected energy generation will provide almost half the annual energy requirements of the village and a minimum of 30% of the Net Profit is to be used for energy saving and environmental measures at the instruction of the Society AGM.

If you believe this to be a worthy project please email [customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.org](mailto:customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.org) quoting planning reference 13/02447/FUL before 20th February 2014'

## **British Gas Abandons House Insulation Scheme in Nottingham**

British Gas has abandoned a scheme offering free or subsidised external solid wall insulation to homes in Clifton, Nottingham. Around 1,200 people living in council-owned properties and 700 people in privately-owned properties signed up for the scheme. Cllr Alan Clark, from Nottingham City Council, said they were determined many more houses would be completed before funding for the project ends in 90 days. He said anyone who had paid for insulation, and did not receive it, would be refunded. The link below has a video clip showing residents who have paid up front

for double glazing in preparation for receiving SWI insulation. British Gas said government changes to the Energy Companies Obligation (ECO) [lobbied for by the big energy companies] meant they could no longer fund some projects. [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-25720965](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-25720965)

## **Support for Food and Drink Organisations to Lower Energy Use**

Nottingham University Business School and NEP Energy Services have teamed up with Savannah State University, Georgia to raise the profile of environmental sustainability in the food and drink sector. They are looking to support a small group of organisations, large or small, to cut operating costs and carbon whilst building their green credentials and competitiveness. Benefits include support to lower utility bills and improve resource efficiency, reducing your operating costs, gaining a nationally recognised Environmental Management Standard-Investors in the Environment (supported by the Environment Agency, amongst others) to help win new business and support to develop and implement innovative approaches to green marketing.

Participating businesses will be asked for a small contribution towards the heavily subsidised programme, but in return will receive a significant range of benefits. Any revenue generated will support fuel poverty and carbon reduction projects in hard to reach local areas. Contact Gemma Cave: [gemma.cave@nottenergy.com](mailto:gemma.cave@nottenergy.com)

## **National News**

### **Community Energy Strategy Launched**

The government has launched their Community Energy Strategy. The Strategy considers several different aspects of community heat and electricity technologies, from collective purchase schemes to community benefit packages and from community enterprises to crowd-funding. Announcements include:

- By 2015 it should be the norm for communities to be offered some level of ownership in onshore renewable developments.
- A new Community Energy Unit within the government will work with communities and Local Authorities to support community energy projects.
- The government will launch a 'one stop shop' information resource for community energy.
- A £10m Urban Community Energy Fund will be launched to complement the existing Rural Community Energy Fund.
- A new £100,000 community energy saving competition aims to stimulate communities to develop innovative approaches to saving energy.

### **Get Ready for the Rural Community Energy Fund**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-3pm  
Bristol

The Centre for Sustainable Energy, in partnership with TLT LLP, is running a free one-day surgery for community groups, which aims to get them ready to make an

application to the Rural Community Energy Fund. Places are limited. Full details: [www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1805](http://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1805)

### **Green Open Homes Small Grants Available**

To date 26 organisations have received DECC-funded grants of £500 to £20,000 through our Green Open Homes competition, to help them with the costs of organising and running their green open homes events. The final round of funding is for up to 40 grants of £500-£2,000. These will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

[www.greenopenhomes.net/support-for-organisers/competition](http://www.greenopenhomes.net/support-for-organisers/competition)<<http://www.greenopenhomes.net/support-for-organisers/competition>>

### **Community Energy England Survey**

In recent months community energy organisations have been discussing the need for a representative body for the sector. Strong support for such a development was expressed at a workshop in December 2013 called by Westmill Solar to discuss the subject. A core group of organisations is working to take these ideas forward as 'Community Energy England'.

A first step is this survey to find out the level of interest in this idea. Everyone who contributes will be kept informed on progress and will get a report on the results. This survey offers you an opportunity to express your views on the key issues relating to the purpose, geographical scope, objectives, membership, governance and funding of such a body.

If you are involved in work on community energy please complete the survey by mid-February 2014. This should take just 10-15 minutes. Your responses to this survey will lead the development of a clear proposal that will be discussed and finalised at a follow up workshop in March 2014. The new organisation will be launched at a conference after to focus on its proposed work programme and the election of its first directors.

For the purposes of this survey, a community energy organisation is considered to be any organisation with a community membership that has developed or plans to develop (or supports others to develop) either a renewable energy or energy efficiency project. Communities may be defined as either communities of interest or as geographically based communities.

Survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/Community\\_Energy\\_England\\_Survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Community_Energy_England_Survey)

Any comments or queries, please contact: [pete\\_capener@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pete_capener@blueyonder.co.uk).

### **Less is More**

Ten communities in England and Wales are taking part in 'Less is More', a project which involves residents reducing their electricity use, particularly at peak times, in

order to win funding to invest in their local area. The innovative pilot uses real-time data from substations and is funded by Western Power Distribution. Centre for Sustainable Energy is working with four other organisations - including Marches Energy Agency - and a number of community groups to help inspire residents to take action. Live graphs of how much electricity each communities is using are available online: [www.lessismore.org.uk](http://www.lessismore.org.uk)<http://www.lessismore.org.uk>

[www.cse.org.uk/lessismore](http://www.cse.org.uk/lessismore)

### **Share Issue for School Solar Panels**

Shares are available for solar panels which will be installed on 25 schools in Staffordshire. Gen Community is aiming to raise £880,000 through this solar share offer by 24 February. The electricity generated will be supplied free to the schools. Investing members will benefit from projected returns of approximately 6% per annum and tax incentives, as the project has Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) status. Investing returns are quoted as an 'internal rate of return' of 10.48% with EIS relief included, per annum.

[www.socialenterprise.org.uk/news/staffordshire-sunny-schools-largest-community-school-solar-share-offer](http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/news/staffordshire-sunny-schools-largest-community-school-solar-share-offer)

### **Webinar: Building smarter community energy schemes: some lessons from behavioural theory and practice**

13<sup>th</sup> February, 4pm

Email [communities@cse.org.uk](mailto:communities@cse.org.uk) if you'd like to attend

This webinar will introduce some of the fundamental theories of behaviour applicable in the context of a community energy scheme, e.g. encouraging changes to the way the home is used, retrofitting or community owned or managed energy generation schemes. We will also explore some case studies which give insights into where things can go wrong and where schemes have got it right.

The webinar will be uploaded to YouTube at a later date, along with our previous webinars:

- Using the National Heat Map: <http://youtu.be/MMvFBxPIN7c>
- Common concerns about wind power: [http://youtu.be/5dTyTlx\\_otk](http://youtu.be/5dTyTlx_otk)

### **Less Than 10% Intend to Install Energy Efficiency Measures**

As the Government's Big Energy Saving Week comes to a close, a new survey highlights that an alarmingly low proportion of people plan to take any action to make their homes more energy efficient during 2014. The survey, for the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), shows just nine per cent of people are considering installing solar panels. Only six per cent are likely to have their home cavity wall insulated and only nine per cent are likely to install double glazing. Meanwhile, heat pumps, which use heat from the ground or the air rather than burning fuel to generate heat, are only being considered by five per cent of

households. Even LED light bulbs, which are a simple and low cost energy efficiency measure, are only being considered by one in four (25 per cent) of home owners.

The results highlight the need to do more to ensure that Government support incentivises home owners to make energy-saving improvements to their homes. Marjan Sarshar from the IET said: 'People are not planning to spend money on energy efficiency because the returns are too intangible and the long term Green Deal loan remains with the house. The Government needs to make energy efficiency measures more accessible. They could be incentivised in a similar manner to the Government's policy on cars whereby more energy efficient cars pay less tax. A substantive reduction in Council Tax, which would remain with the property to add to its value, would encourage the uptake of Green Deal. In this way the householders would see the tangible benefit and would be more likely to respond by making their own investments.'

### **Climate Week**

3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March

Climate Week is Britain's biggest climate change campaign, inspiring a new wave of action to create a sustainable future. Culminating in a week of activities, it showcases practical solutions from every sector of society. Each year, half a million people attend 3,000 events in Britain's biggest ever environmental occasion. Events are run by schools, businesses, charities, councils and many others. You can help accelerate action on climate change by making Climate Week happen where you are.

Register your event, switch to a renewable energy supplier and add your name to the Climate Week Declaration: [www.climateweek.com](http://www.climateweek.com)

### **Tree Council Offer Grants for Orchard Planting in the UK**

The Tree Council has funds available to assist schools and community groups proposing to undertake well-planned orchard planting projects during National Tree Week. Schools and community groups which are charities or other not-for-profit organisations in the UK are eligible to apply for funds to support projects where the total tree planting costs are between £100 and £700. National Tree Week takes place during the week of 29 November to 7 December 2014. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2014. [www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants)

### **Energy Efficiency Savings Less Than Promoted by Green Deal**

The Energy Saving Trust is to downgrade claims for savings on new boilers and loft insulation. This is based on figures contained in the [National Energy Efficiency Data-Framework](#) (NEED) published by the government late last year. It examined 'observed' savings from loft insulation in 21,000 homes, new boilers in nearly 14,000 homes, and cavity wall insulation installed in 16,000 homes, and compared them with properties that did not have the measures installed. It found that on average, loft insulation decreases home gas consumption by 1.7%, cavity wall insulation by 7.8% and a new boiler by 9.2%. Environmentalist Chris Goodall (Green Party candidate in 2010) reviewed the data and said that financial savings have been around half the

amount promised, meaning that households who take out a Green Deal could actually be worse off.

### **George Osborne's U-turn Could Add up to £200bn to Energy Bills**

The average British household could eventually end up paying an extra £8,000 for its gas and electricity if George Osborne succeeds in delaying vital action to make Britain greener, the Government's official climate change advisers warn. Postponing action to cut carbon emissions by 10 years will add at least £100bn to Britain's household energy bills (£4,000 per household) between 2030 and 2050, according to the independent Committee on Climate Change (CCC). And if fossil fuel prices soar to the top of the range of realistic forecasts, the delay could reach £200bn (£8,000 per household) – the first time a figure has been put on the cost of postponing action.

[www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/george-osbornes-uturn-could-add-200bn-to-energy-bills-8996390.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/george-osbornes-uturn-could-add-200bn-to-energy-bills-8996390.html)

### **National News in Brief**

- Fuel poverty and families factfile 2014: [www.ukace.org/2014/02/fuel-poverty-2014-update/](http://www.ukace.org/2014/02/fuel-poverty-2014-update/)
- European Parliament votes for stronger renewables targets: [www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/feb/05/european-parliament-votes-renewables-targets?CMP=EMCENVEM1631](http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/feb/05/european-parliament-votes-renewables-targets?CMP=EMCENVEM1631)
- Two new Lancashire Fracking sites: [www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/feb/04/cuadrilla-two-new-lancashire-fracking-sites-shale-gas?CMP=EMCENVEM1631](http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/feb/04/cuadrilla-two-new-lancashire-fracking-sites-shale-gas?CMP=EMCENVEM1631)
- Free guide to organising community events: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-organisers-of-voluntary-events/the-can-do-guide-to-organising-and-running-voluntary-and-community-events](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-organisers-of-voluntary-events/the-can-do-guide-to-organising-and-running-voluntary-and-community-events)
- Online guides to using crowdfunding to raise money: [www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Page.aspx?SP=6549](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Page.aspx?SP=6549)
- Energy efficiency market needs 'High speed rail-style' priority: [www.publicsectorenergy.co.uk/news/view/energy-efficiency-market-needs-high-speed-railstyle-priority-481](http://www.publicsectorenergy.co.uk/news/view/energy-efficiency-market-needs-high-speed-railstyle-priority-481)

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