

Community Buildings Advice Service



Suffolk's village halls and community centres play a vital role in our lives. By helping you install technologies such as LED lighting, better insulation and renewable energy these buildings can be kept comfortable, cheap to run and an enticing space to use all year round. Safeguarding these vital assets for generations to come!

What can we offer you?

Community Building Energy Audits:

A free assessment of your building, identifying ways to cut your running costs and minimise your greenhouse gas emissions. Whether you've got refurbishment plans in mind or not, this audit can help you make an informed decision about the best future for your community space.

Help to upgrade your heating system:

Worried about an unreliable boiler, or have expensive electric heaters that are good at warming your head but leave your feet in the cold? We can help you find the right green heating option for your building, from air and ground source heat pumps to biomass, micro-CHP and condensing boilers.

Grants and Funding:

Our help doesn't stop at the report; we want to help you make the recommendations a reality. We can signpost you to the latest funding options and put you in touch with installers so you can obtain suitable quotes. Moreover, the savings identified in our audit can be useful evidence when making grant applications - which we would also be delighted to help you with!

The Community Buildings Advice Service is provided by the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership. If you are interested in taking advantage of this **free, impartial service**, please contact Jamie Murphy on: **07720 098980** or email **jamie.murphy@groundwork.org.uk**

Fressingfield Sports and Social Club



Fressingfield Sports and Social Club had not seen any improvements for over 30 years. Water was coming in through the roof, bookings were down and the heating oil tank needed regular filling, at a cost of over £1,000 a time. After a visit from the SCCP Community Advisor, the committee decided to undertake an energy efficiency retro-fit and roof renovation to give the building a new lease of life.

Quotes were obtained for the recommended measures and after some successful fundraising, including £4,600 from the Green Suffolk Fund, the outside walls and the roof were repaired and lined with insulation and the light fittings replaced with modern LED panels.

Since then, even though opening hours have increased, electricity use has dropped by 50% and the oil tank has hardly needed filling, saving the club over £700 off their energy bills each year. As well as being much warmer the Pavilion now has a bright, freshly decorated feel and is once again a thriving space used by much of the community.

The carbon footprint and energy costs for this community building are now less than half the previous total!