

West Suffolk

Community Energy Fund

GREAT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

Climate change threatens life as we know it. By producing our own electricity using solar panels we are reducing our contribution to the causes of climate change.



Current power output

3.60 kW

CO₂ saved

10 102 kg

Total energy generated

17724 kWh

Helping West Suffolk communities generate their own energy

Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury councils

West Suffolk
working together



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Creating the Greenest County

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What is it?

West Suffolk Community Energy Fund is designed to help local communities develop renewable energy projects. If you are an eligible community group based in West Suffolk you can apply for a grant to pay for up to 100% of key activities to help your project succeed. You can make more than one application as your project progresses. The maximum total grant is £5,000 per Community Group.



What we will fund?

The grant will fund a wide variety of activities including:

- ✓ Legal fees to set up an Industrial Providence Society
- ✓ Energy surveys and Energy Performance Certificates
- ✓ Feasibility studies
- ✓ Designs and specifications

The Fund cannot be used for fees in connection with your project gaining statutory approvals, the cost of employing staff or capital items, building works or improvements to infrastructure like electrical connection, or the cost of renewable installation.

Who can apply?

Local community groups and non-profit organisations based in West Suffolk can apply including:

- ✓ Parish Councils
- ✓ Sports and Social Clubs
- ✓ Scout or guide groups
- ✓ Community Action Groups

If you own or are responsible for buildings or land and have a renewable energy project which has the support of your local community, the Fund can help overcome the early barriers to success.

How do I apply?

Please complete our application form which you can download from www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/grants-and-fundingopportunities/

For more information by phone or e-mail:

Call: **01284 757400**

E-mail environment@westsuffolk.gov.uk

What happens when we start generating energy?

If your project is successful, the grant is transferred into an interest-free loan repayable by yourselves using any income generated by the project. This means that we can continue to support more projects in West Suffolk.

Who are we?

This Community Energy Fund is financed and delivered by the West Suffolk Councils of Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Need any advice?

The Suffolk Community Advice Service provides community groups and non-profit organisations across the county advice on a range of climate change and energy related issues. It's a free, impartial service offering:

- ✓ Assessments of community buildings
- ✓ Talks and Events
- ✓ Toolkits and Leaflets
- ✓ Advice and support on funding options.

Visit www.greensuffolk.org/communities

or call **0800 02 88 938** for more info.

Greener Suffolk Business Service

Free impartial support for businesses* in Suffolk:

Grants and Funding
Energy Efficiency
Renewable Energy
Green Procurement

Local Accreditation
Environmental Management
Resilience Planning

Whether by phone, email or a free site visit, we will help you find the most appropriate solution for your needs!

*maximum 250 full-time employees

Stay ahead of the pack and save money!

The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership (SCCP) has been providing energy efficiency, renewable energy and environmental management support to businesses since 2008.

We've supported **Specialized Print** to reduce their carbon footprint by 17%:

“ We would highly recommend the services to any small business interested in managing their energy bills or environmental impacts. ”

– **Ann Aken, Specialized Print**

If you want to find out how you can benefit from greening your business:

Call the helpline:

01473 350370

or email:

suffolkbusinessadvisor@groundwork.org.uk

Further information:

www.greensuffolk.org/at-work/

