



Community Energy Plus is a registered charity and profit-recycling company which hosts the Cornwall Energy Advice Centre and the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.

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Government energy saving advice service delivered by local charity

Do you want to reduce your home energy bills and reduce your carbon contribution? Confused by the number of energy saving companies out there? Are you aware of Government grants available to make energy efficiency improvements to your home?

Everybody seems to be jumping on to the climate change band wagon prompting lots of confusing information to hit the streets on the best way to reduce your carbon emissions, reduce your energy bills and save you money.

The Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre (EEAC), part of a government financed national service, offers free and impartial county relevant advice on the best way to save energy.

Managed by Camborne based local charity, Community Energy Plus, the Advice centre is first point of call for information in grants, renewable energy technologies, accredited manufacturers and installers, environment business support programmes and business accreditation schemes.

“Energy efficiency in the home is the first step in reducing the amount of energy that people consume and ultimately reducing the amount of Carbon dioxide that they contribute to the atmosphere as a result of their lifestyles,” said Julia Tibbett, Manager of the Cornwall EEAC. ***“It’s important to get across to residents in Cornwall that we can take them through the whole process to apply for free and discounted home energy efficiency measures from filling in the application, arranging for a surveyor and having the measures installed by accredited locally based companies.”***

Energy Efficiency measures include cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, hot water tank jackets and new heating systems.

Case Studies

Gareth Mann & Jasmine Reilly, Mount Hawke

“Mount Hawke is off the gas mains so we are not able to have gas central heating which is one of the cheaper and cleaner forms of home energy. I called the advice centre and because of our location we were entitled to free loft insulation. There has been a big difference to the inside temperature of our home this January compared to last year. When we had our fire on during the evening all the heat would be lost during the night but I’ve noticed that a lot more of the heat stays in to make those frosty weekday mornings more bearable!”

Mrs Mary Greatorex, St. Agnes

“The one free phone call to the Advice centre saved me £236 to have my loft insulated. There has been a noticeable difference to the house temperature in the winter and I only have to use the one storage heater downstairs even in the coldest months of the year.”

Brian and Alison Palmer, St Austell

“Shortly after buying a 1970’s bungalow with cavity walls and the original meagre loft insulation, we saw an item in the local newspaper about obtaining advice and grants for improving household insulation.

We contacted the organisation and were very impressed with the speed and professionalism of the response. Cavity wall insulation was installed and the loft was also insulated. The improved warmth and ‘cosiness’ of the bungalow was immediately very noticeable.”

Gina Constantine, Gorran

“My son told me about the home health scheme and I remember seeing something in the paper. I decided to give the advice team a call and it was unbelievable, within two weeks I had my loft and cavity wall insulation fitted absolutely free, I even got a hot water tank jacket. It’s now one year on since I had it done and the difference is clear, my electricity bills are notably different and the house is warmer.”

All resident in privately owned or rented accommodation across Cornwall are entitled to receive free or subsidised energy efficiency measures depending on personal circumstances or location.

Call the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on **0800 512 012**

Look out next week for advice and support for businesses...

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Notes to editors

Photos available on request

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust. CEP manages the international award-winning* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.
- CEP, the lead partner of the **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001), is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors that are committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. www.csep.co.uk
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.
- * On the 30th June 2005, Community Energy Plus was recognised by the prestigious international **Ashden Awards** in the UK Energy Efficiency category for its Home Health project, which has installed nearly three and a half thousand energy efficient measures into Cornish homes.

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