



Leaflet on Advice and Support for Community Buildings on Energy Surveys and renewables across South Shropshire (February 2024)

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Lightfoot Enterprises	Provide energy surveys and reports.	Marches, mainly Shropshire, Powys & Herefordshire	£100	Phone: +44 (0)300 1024458 Email: Energy Surveys: jeremy@lightfootenterprises.org Climate issues: climate@lightfootenterprises.org General: info@lightfootenterprises.org Website: https://lightfootenterprises.org/
Stretton Climate Care	Provide free Household Energy Surveys including thermal imaging, advice about energy saving, refitting. May also be able to provide Energy Surveys for Community Buildings. Please contact to check.	Households within a 5 mile radius of Church Stretton		Phone: 07528 493181 Website: https://strettonclimatecare.org.uk/
Marches Energy Grant (MEG)	This scheme offers free advice, energy assessments and grants for energy efficiency and renewable energy measures to SMEs from all sectors. The funding is also available to support community buildings. As well as the grant funding, the project will also run related networking and webinar events for SMEs and other organisations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a free energy efficiency audit to assess your equipment, premises, processes and performance to find opportunities for improvements in energy usage. You can then apply for a grant for projects worth up to £20,000 (some match funding required). The MEG project builds on the success of previous programmes such as the Marches Renewable Energy 	Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin	If the grant is awarded following an assessment the grant intervention rate is 40% and your business contribution is 60% for the project	Email: tim.yair@marcheslep.org.uk Website (including sign up form): https://www.marchesgrowthhub.co.uk/marches-energy-grant/

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	(MarRE) fund and the Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP) grant scheme.			
VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme	This scheme is aimed at helping voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations (VCSEs) save money on their energy bills. The scheme is now open and organisations are encouraged to apply as early as possible. If you meet the criteria you can apply for an independent energy assessment of your building's energy usage, efficiency and potential for energy savings, conducted by a qualified and experienced assessor. Your organisation may subsequently apply for a Capital Grant between £2,000-£150,000 to install capital energy efficiency measures. The scheme will close to Independent Energy Assessment (IEA) and capital grant applications in August 2024.	England	No	The VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme is part of a package of support being delivered by the Government to help frontline delivery organisations with the increased cost of living. Apply via the website: https://www.groundwork.org.uk/vcseenergyefficiency/ If you would like any further information: Email: ees@groundwork.org.uk Phone: 0121 237 5894
Big Solar Co-op	We put solar on big rooftops (about the size of a tennis court or bigger) where the building has high electricity usage (prior to recent price hikes approx. £20K spend per year on electricity). There is no capital cost to the building owners/users and we sell the electricity generated to them at below the market rate over the next 30 years (difficult to estimate how much below due to recent price hikes). Building owners/users have the option of buying the solar panels at depreciated cost after 5 years, meaning they get all the electricity generated free of charge.	Big Solar Co-op is a national not for profit organisation with a local coordinator (Kevin Oubridge) covering Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.	No charge for planning and installation. Charge below the market rate for electricity generated by solar panels installed.	Contact Kevin Oubridge, Big Solar Co-op local coordinator for Shropshire Telford & Wrekin. Phone: 07913 724 195 Email: kevin@shareenergy.coop Website: https://bigsolar.coop/ Submit a site: https://bigsolar.coop/submit-a-site/ enter information about your building via our online form for assessment and response from the local coordinator.

Other sources of financing (nationally)

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<p>Big Issue Invest – Big Energy Saving Loans</p>	<p>This lending programme is aimed at enabling social enterprises and charities to access loan funding between £20,000 to £200,000 for energy efficiency and renewable energy installation.</p> <p>Investment can be used for a variety of projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulation • Buying and installing renewable energy equipment • Heat exchangers and heat pumps • LED light installations • Replacing old gas fired boiler systems with new • Property improvements, including glazing and systematic draught improvements • Energy efficiency survey & technical assistance costs 	<p>England</p>	<p>The loans can be structured to your individual needs including unsecured loans without any personal guarantees.</p>	<p>Website: https://www.bigissue.com/invest/big-energy-saving-loans/</p> <p>Register your interest here: https://www.bigissue.com/invest/contact/</p> <p>You can apply for a Big Energy saving Loan if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your organisation is a social enterprise or charity • There is a clear energy saving case in the works proposed • You can demonstrate an ability to repay finance • You are a well-managed organisation with good governance