

Your ref: Parish Councils Energy Project
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Dear Parish Council,

Would you like to start your own energy scheme?

Parish and Town Councils are starting up their own sustainable energy schemes within their communities. We have a number of examples in Cambridgeshire including Gamlingay's award winning Eco Hub, the e-Coton Solar Savers Scheme and more recently Swaffham Prior has proposed scoping a sustainable heat project that will replace oil with renewable energy as a heat source for homes and community buildings. This is not only environmentally, but also economically sustainable due to the fluctuating costs of oil. If you would like to start an energy project, or learn from the Swaffham Prior experience so far, we would like to hear from you.

Sources of funding and useful guidance is available here:

- Carbon Smart: Community Energy Funding for Parish Councils
<http://www.carbonsmart.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/170306-Parish-Councils-RCEF-grant.pdf>
- Wrap: Rural Community Energy Fund <http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund>
- Community Energy England: Funding Opportunities
<https://communityenergyengland.org/pages/funding-opportunities-2>
- Renewable energy: A practical guide to developing community renewable energy projects
<http://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/UserFiles/Files/Documents/Community/ACRE/RenewableEnergy.pdf>
- Community Energy Coalition: Start your own community energy project
<https://www.ukcec.org/start-your-own-community-energy-project>
- The Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (South Cambridgeshire District Council)
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/sustainable-parish-energy-partnership>

A number of Parish Councils have approached us for guidance on how to secure Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points. We've discovered that access to funding depends on what type of EV scheme the parish wants to bring forward. To help, we would like to work with two Local Councils, one urban and one rural, to apply for grant to deliver EV charging for your village hall or community spaces. The idea is that we can then write up a case study for other parishes to follow.

If you are keen to get a scheme moving, we can offer you help from a graduate trainee at the Council working with the Energy Investment Unit for the next five months. The support will cover:

- Completing funding applications
- Accessing energy expertise
- Project management support

If you would like to work with us and pilot an electric vehicle charging project for your Parish, please contact Maddie.Alpar@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by 26 October 2018.



Yours sincerely,
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