



Community First
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Welcome to
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Introduction

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The session will be split into two parts as follows:

'Go Green Village Halls Week' - we will explore ways to improve the carbon footprint of your community buildings – from simple hacks to longer term investment.

How will you fund the improvements? - we will share the latest funding advice to help you plan ahead

As a network meeting we want to the session to be interactive and for everyone to have chance to input into the discussion.

Quick Zoom Poll

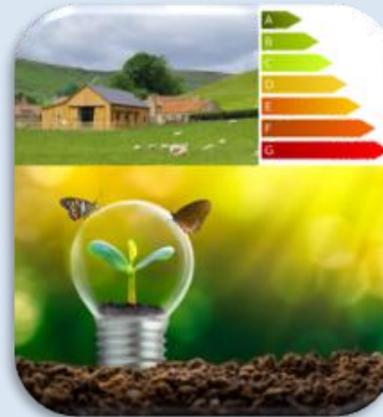


Which **energy saving devices or alterations** has your community building explored or installed so far?



Where are you currently at?

- LED lighting
- HIVE or similar
- SOLAR panels
- DRAFT PROOFING on windows and doors
- LOFT insulation
- THERMOSTATIC RADIATOR VALVES (TRVs)
- Boiler, pipe, tank LAGGING
- CAVITY WALL insulation
- DUAL-FLUSH toilets
- ENERGY AUDIT
- GROUND or AIR SOURCE heating
- GREEN tariffs
- WIND turbine
- SMART meter
- ANYTHING ELSE?



Some simple quick fixes



BEHAVIOURAL CHANGES – Start by looking at the current procedures. Are there ways you can save energy by altering how you do things?

INSULATION & DRAFT PROOFING - boiler and pipework, windows and doors. Flooring and roof insulation. Wall insulation.

EFFICIENT LIGHTING & APPLIANCES – LED lighting options, toilets and sinks, point of use water heaters.

EFFICIENT HEATING – Smart timers, room heaters





Utility Aid's Energy Saving Tips

Create the culture - If you decide to cut energy consumption, make sure everyone is on board. Use organisation-wide meetings to brainstorm ideas and consider creating an energy champion. Keep communicating about the differences you are making – financially and environmentally.

Put an AMR on your wish list - An automated meter reading (AMR) device lets you review consumption in both operational and non-operational times. This ability to understand business patterns will help you make better decisions on saving money.

Pick your energy firm wisely - Check you are getting value for money and if your tariff has dual rates, it may be prudent to carry out certain tasks during off-peak times.

Beware the ghost of energy past - Phantom energy is used by equipment plugged in but not in use. And it's big. Try having all computer peripherals (printers, monitors etc) connected to power strips so one flip of a switch cuts all power.

Control the temperature - Heating, ventilation and air conditioning can account for 60% of energy costs. Think about setting temperature controls which only operate below 23C. A 1% thermostat adjustment can reduce energy costs up to 8%.

Billing Discrepancies and Estimates

To date Utility Aid we have recovered over £4.7 million in supplier over charges for our customers. Our Head of Invoice Validation stated, "*the two most common overcharges we see on customer bills are estimated readings and incorrect VAT and CCL charges.*"

- Estimated readings – Suppliers legally only need to read your meter once every two years. If you currently do not have a smart meter fitted or are experiencing problems with your smart meter you might be being billed to estimates.
- VAT and CCL Charges – If you qualify for a reduced rate of VAT its important to let your supplier know. Usually, they will provide you with a VAT declaration form to complete and return. Please be aware each supplier works differently some suppliers will only backdate invoices for a year and then will refer you to HMRC.



National Charity Tender

Utility Aid is the UK's largest energy broker for the not-for-profit sector working with over 2,000 organisations and counting. Their dedicated team provide a high-level service to manage and maintain your utility portfolio. They understand that rising energy costs are a concern for most organisations right now and want to offer their advice and guidance through a collective purchasing offer.

Utility Aid manages energy 'baskets' containing thousands of properties across the UK. By grouping the energy consumption, the basket participants benefit from considerable purchasing power. You have the opportunity to align your energy contracts to the next relevant date and basket about your purchasing strategy and risk appetite.

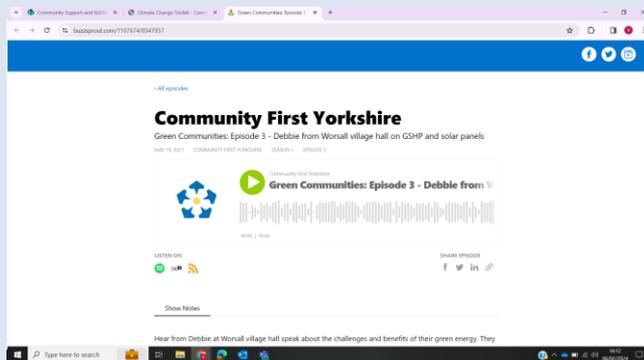
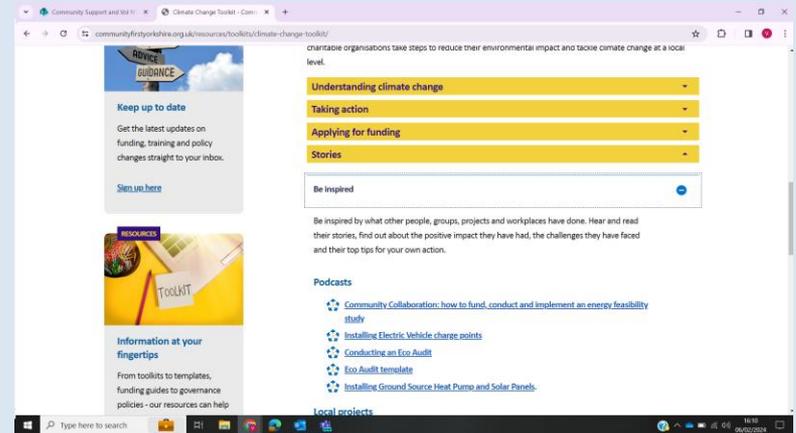
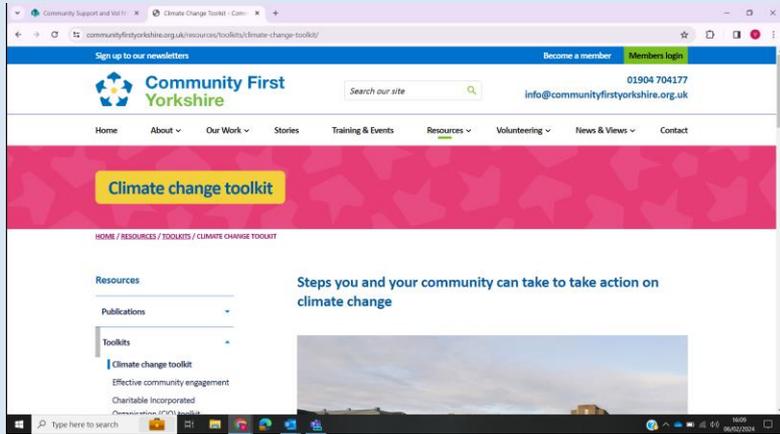
This is a strategic approach to tackle the current energy crisis. Short-term prices will be sky-high at the moment, so it will be more beneficial to spread the costs over a longer term now with the opportunity to automatically receive quotes from the National Charity Tender in the future.

Included in this offer:

- Validation of all invoices ensuring you are not over or underpaying.
- Dealing with all supplier queries.
- Provision of CRC data.
- Provision of ongoing market intelligence.
- Full access to your dedicated Account Manager.
- Assistance with additions and deletions to the contract.
- VAT and CCL assistance.
- SMART installation assistance.
- Meter installs/removals.



Community First Yorkshire: Climate Change Toolkit



[View toolkit here](#)