

Welcome to the Low Carbon Hub

For
low carbon
community
groups



Creating energy we can
all feel good about

low
carbon
hub



Who are we?

The Low Carbon Hub is a social enterprise that's out to prove we can meet our energy needs in a way that's good for people and good for the planet.

We develop community-owned renewable energy installations across Oxfordshire, including 50 rooftop solar arrays with schools and businesses, a hydro on the Thames and the largest community-owned ground mount solar park in the UK.

Our programmes

Low Carbon Hub is at the heart of a collective effort to catalyse the transition to a net-zero energy system in Oxfordshire, both through **powering down** to decrease energy demand and through **powering up** to increase renewable energy supply. We also work on **innovation** projects that move community energy forward. Here are some of our programmes:

Community Grants and Support

Help, support, advice and funding supporting community energy.

Community Action Plan for Zero Carbon Energy (CAPZero)

The first local energy action plan in the UK developed at a community level.

Cosy Homes Oxfordshire



A domestic retrofit service for cosier, healthier, more energy efficient homes.

Action on Carbon and Energy in Schools



An energy efficiency support service to help schools in Oxfordshire carry out energy saving measures to cut carbon emissions and save money on their energy bills.

Energy Solutions Oxfordshire



Transform your organisation's energy efficiency – whether it is a business, school, college, or village hall – with the support of Energy Solutions Oxfordshire.

HOW WE WORK WITH COMMUNITIES

We believe that communities should be at the heart of a clean energy future. We work with low carbon groups from across Oxfordshire to make that happen.

If the work of your community group has a particular focus on creating a zero carbon energy system - supporting renewable generation, energy efficiency and green transport - you can apply to become a member of Low Carbon Hub.

When you become a member of the Low Carbon Hub, you can apply for grant funding to help with projects that lower carbon emissions or generate renewable sources of energy.



We work in partnership with over 40 community groups across Oxfordshire, supporting local projects to tackle climate change and lower the carbon footprint of the county.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Our community group members are using the Low Carbon Hub grants to make their communities greener, and to inspire others to join us in our bid to tackle the climate crisis.

Helping people see hydro generation first hand



Osney Lock Hydro and West Oxford Community Renewables

Grant: £1,000

By supporting the completion of landscaping, we helped this community-owned hydro open up their site to the public. As a result more people can see renewable generation in action.

Promoting cycling in Abingdon



Abingdon Carbon Cutters

Grant: £500

Our grant helped purchase Hi Viz waistcoats and backpack covers to give away as prizes for a cycling logo competition. This project promoted low-carbon travel to local schools and businesses.

LED lighting for D:Two community centre in Henley



Greener Henley

Grant: £500

Following a free energy assessment, this grant funded the installation of LED lights in the D:Two community centre and café, increasing the energy efficiency of the building.

What support can you access?

Apply for a Low Carbon Hub grant for your community

You can receive a small grant of £500 once a year. We also offer a number of large £5,000 grants in a competitive process annually.

Have your say at our AGMs

Our community group partners have a shareholding in our IPS (Industrial and Provident Society) to ensure our operations are totally transparent and is guided by those it is set up to serve. Each community group member elects one Authorised Representative to be the voice of the group at our AGM.

Energy assessments for community buildings

Nominate a community building to receive a free energy assessment, giving buildings a bespoke report with tailored advice to help reduce their energy bills and carbon footprint.

Get advice from our helpdesk

We're here to help if you have any questions such as: how to save energy or how to develop your own community-owned renewable energy project.



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Not already a member? Join today! Get in touch with Cathy Ryan
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