

Save energy



Appoint an energy champion to make sure that everybody turns off lights when rooms are not being used and switches off any computers, printers and photocopiers. Leaving equipment on standby still uses about two thirds of the energy it uses when turned on!

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Why bother?

Britons waste the equivalent of two power stations worth of electricity each year by leaving gadgets on standby. Gadgets left charging or on standby squander over £740 million worth of energy and result in over four million tonnes of excess carbon dioxide each year. This makes a significant contribution to climate change.

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Hold an energy awareness meeting, quiz or fun-day and invite wider members of your group/club plus friends and families. Invite a speaker from your local energy advice centre or your local council's energy team to come and talk to your group about what more can be done.

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Why bother?

If everyone boiled only the water they needed to make a cup of tea instead of filling the kettle every time, we could save enough electricity to run practically all the street lighting in the country. Our pollution from using energy is changing our climate. The ten warmest years on record have all been since 1990. 1995 saw the most hot days in 225 years of daily measurements.

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Travel wisely



Agree as a group, club or society a target to reduce the number of miles your members travel in their cars to attend your meetings – agree simple actions together to try sharing cars, use public transport or cycle more instead.

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Why bother?

25% of carbon dioxide pollution in the UK is caused by road transport and it's the main culprit of climate change. One person using their car to travel a 5 mile return trip to attend a group, club or society meeting will result in roughly 1,500 grammes of carbon dioxide. That's enough to fill 150 party balloons!

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Travel wisely



Decide as a group, club or society to buy energy saving equipment which can soak up or balance out the same amount of carbon dioxide pollution caused by members using cars to travel to and from your meetings or events. You can do this by buying energy saving bulbs, planting trees or installing a solar panel or mini wind turbine for the roof.

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Why bother?

Some figures suggest that planting 15 small tree saplings will soak up 1 tonne of carbon dioxide as they grow over their lifetime (100 years). That makes up for enough carbon dioxide pollution to fill six double decker buses.

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Shop ethically



As a group, club or society set up a bulk-buying scheme to get a good deal on fair-trade food and fresh organic or locally grown food. You can then sell this food to members at your meetings and events.

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Why bother?

As well as helping your members to eat healthy locally grown food or fairly traded products, this idea could help generate some funding to offset your community group or club's running costs.

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Save our resources



Appoint a water champion in your group to do a quick water audit on your community building or meeting place to see which taps, toilets, kitchen appliances and drain pipes could be adapted or replaced with water saving features

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Why bother?

Hosepipe bans now affect 13 million people. Parts of the UK face the most serious drought in the last hundred years.

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Care for your area




Find out if your area has a Parish Plan or Neighbourhood Plan and get a copy for your group, club or society. These plans set out what is happening in your local area to create a cleaner, safer and greener future. Perhaps invite a local councillor to one of your meetings.

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Why bother?


Over 3,000 parishes across the country are already working with their own Parish Plan. So far, the top issues emerging nationally in Parish Plans include: road traffic, housing, facilities for young people and local environmental concerns. Parish Plans and Neighbourhood Plans enable local residents and community groups to have a say in the future for their area.

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