



**South Dartmoor**  
Community Energy

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# History

- ▶ Evolved out of local Transition Initiative called PL:21
- ▶ Energy group became part of South West Devon Community Energy Partnership in 2012
- ▶ Watched other groups develop projects and looked for one ourselves
- ▶ Portworthy Solar Array opportunity appeared
- ▶ We helped BWCE purchase the array
- ▶ Received grant to help establish SDCE and became registered on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016



# What are we?

- ▶ A community benefit society registered with the FCA
- ▶ Set up to help local communities to become more energy efficient and to get involved in, and benefit from, renewable energy projects
- ▶ Any surplus funds generated by our projects must benefit the local community
- ▶ Want to provide year round energy advice service and develop exemplar sustainability projects





# Who are we?





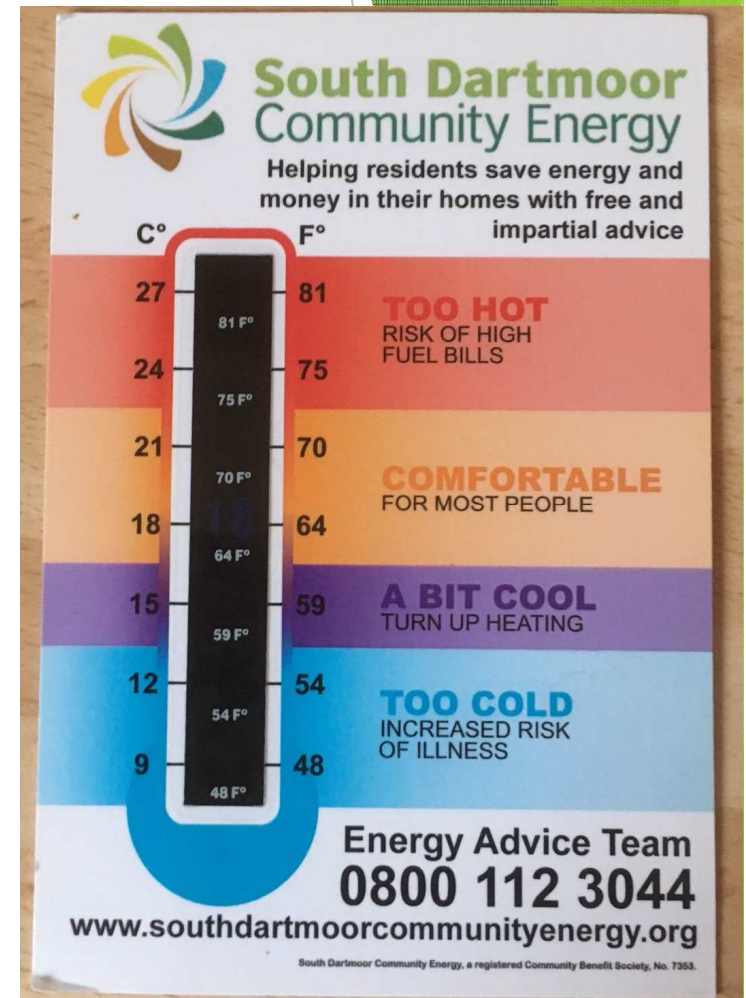
# What have we been up to?

- Launched energy advice service last winter
- Provided talks to community groups and health teams
- Attended community events, summer shows, Christmas Fairs
- Used Pop up Shop for events and advice centre
- Agreed to deliver LEAP scheme
- Launched our membership service
- Delivered a community benefit fund grant scheme



# Warm and Well South Hams

- ▶ Help people to reduce their fuel bills through advice on tariffs and switching.
- ▶ Help people to access extra support and discounts such as Warm Homes Discount (£140) and Priority Services Registers
- ▶ Help people to understand how to use their heating effectively, reduce damp and mould
- ▶ Make referrals to heating and insulation schemes
- ▶ Do home visits to housebound residents,
- ▶ Provide talks to community groups and home visiting teams and we have an extensive calendar of drop in advice sessions
- ▶ Spoken to nearly 2000 people this season, 232 one to ones, 90 events/drop in sessions



# Where has our funding come from?

## 2016-17

- ▶ £10,000 BESN
- ▶ £400 Devon County Council
- ▶ £1400 Devon Community Foundation
- ▶ £1000 Naturesave Trust
- ▶ £5000 BWCE
- ▶ £7500 PEC to promote WPDs Priority Services Register

## 2017-18

- ▶ £10,000 Awards for All
- ▶ £380 Devon County Council
- ▶ £1440 Smart Energy GB to promote smart meter roll out
- ▶ £2800 DCH Housing group
- ▶ £4600 PEC - £1000 Peoples Postcode Trust



# Free & Impartial Home Energy Advice

Speak to a friendly local Energy Advisor about reducing your fuel bills, grants and support from suppliers and smart meters

Your next drop in sessions are in:

**Kingsbridge Rest Centre**

**from 10-12 on**

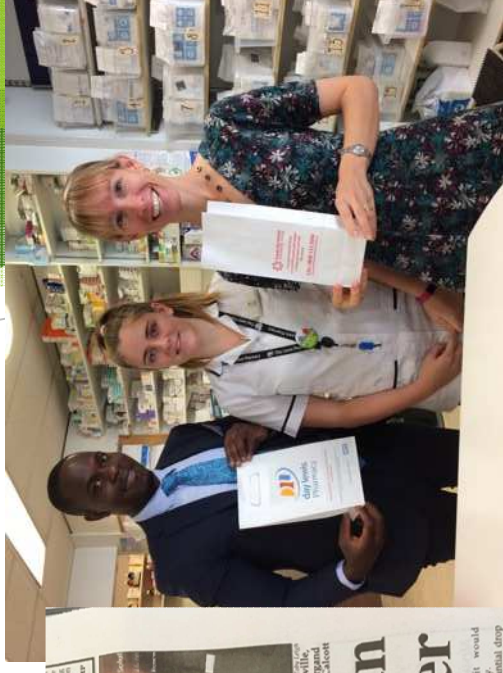
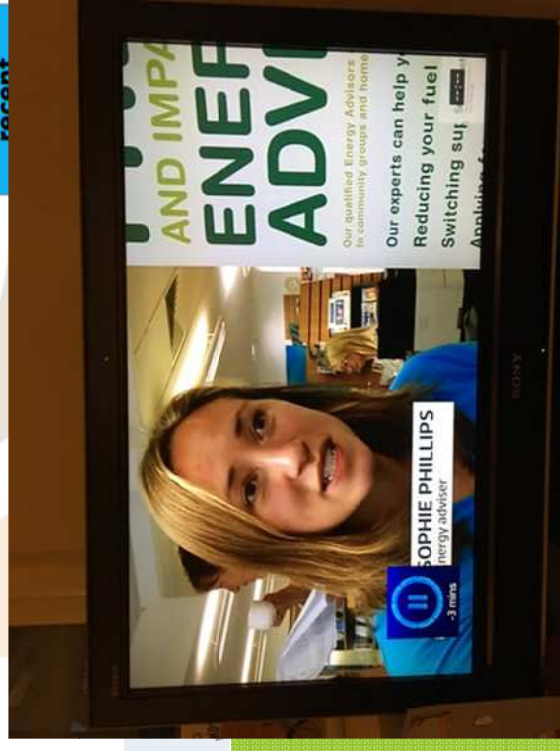
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**and also in Kingsbridge Age Concern  
dining room on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**February from 6-7pm**

Bring a recent



## Solar panel plan coming together

A PROJECT to install solar panels on roofs in Kingsbridge, South Devon, is being funded by a grant from the Kingsbridge Age Concern and the EU will be an important part of the project. The project is being led by Sophie Phillips, a local energy advisor, and Alan Chilton, a local business owner. The project aims to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions in the area. The project is being funded by a grant from the Kingsbridge Age Concern and the EU will be an important part of the project. The project is being led by Sophie Phillips, a local energy advisor, and Alan Chilton, a local business owner. The project aims to reduce energy bills and carbon emissions in the area.

For more information, visit www.southdevon.gov.uk or call Sophie on 01770 822020.



# Community owned renewables

- ▶ Portworthy solar array
- ▶ Received a Rural Community Energy Fund grant to find local businesses with roofs suitable for community owned PV
- ▶ Smithaleigh Turbine
- ▶ What next??



# Future plans and opportunities


- ▶ Exemplar housing scheme
- ▶ Schools projects - help them install LEDs, educational work
- ▶ Insulation scheme
- ▶ Bulk buy solar scheme for local residents?
- ▶ Support neighbouring groups to deliver advice work
- ▶ Keep applying for funding to deliver our energy advice service


**Affordable Eco-Housing  
in Ivybridge - what is possible?**

We want to hear your views on a brand new idea to build a small development of highly efficient homes, that are cheap to run, great to live in and affordable for local people.

Hear from us, architects and building engineers on what we could do, then tell us what you think!

**Thursday 22nd Feb, 7-9pm**  
**Ivybridge Library**

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**Can it be affordable,  
energy efficient, and  
sustainable?**



# Any questions?

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