

New Forest Transition School & Community Energy Saving Project

Helping schools save energy

The aim of the project is to reduce the energy consumption of ten pilot primary schools in the New Forest by 10% - 15% in two years. Thanks to the New Forest National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund, Hampshire & Wiltshire County Councils, Big Lottery Fund and our wonderful volunteers. Key elements of the project:

- 2½-day residential stay at Minstead Study Centre for 34 pupils from each school to learn about energy
- Hampshire and Wiltshire County Councils providing free Energy Audits to each school
- Use of online Smart meter gas and electricity usage monitoring system, which has already revealed some significant energy issues.
- Purchase of project's own Thermal Imaging Camera (with BIG Lottery funding)
- Training of all project volunteers on how to use the Thermal Imaging Camera
- Use of the Thermal Imaging Camera as an educational resource with the pupils in each school, plus also for surveying school buildings to identify trouble-spots where heat is being lost
- Sharing of energy-saving information, activities and experiences between the schools being facilitated by the Project Coordinator
- Involvement by schools in Switch-off Fortnight (Nov 2012) and other Energy Awareness activities
- List compiled of finance schemes available to schools, community groups and households which support energy-saving & energy-generation initiatives. This will be regularly updated as most finance schemes have limited funds and are therefore short-lived.

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