

Neston Community Energy



Newsletter & Member Update

Hello, and welcome to the latest update from Neston Community Energy. Here's what we've been up to, what's coming next, and how you can get involved.

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Leahurst Solar & Wind Project



We're exploring whether a community-owned solar and wind scheme could work at Leahurst — generating clean, local power while creating longer-term benefits for Neston. Right now we're doing the groundwork: checking what's technically possible, what the environmental impact would be, and whether the numbers stack up. We'll share more as soon as we hit key milestones.

Neston Energy Club — Take Control of Your Energy Costs

This is one of our most exciting projects, and one we want more of you involved in.

What is it?

The Energy Club will let local households and organisations access cheaper, locally-generated renewable electricity — instead of energy travelling miles across the national grid, you'd be buying power generated right here in Neston.

What we're doing now:

- Signing people up to our interest list, so we know how many households want to take part
- Working out the best local site to generate the power
- Partnering with Energy Local, a not-for-profit that already runs similar clubs successfully elsewhere in the UK (including Bridport and Totnes)
- Making sure the scheme works for everyone — including support and easier sign-up for households who might otherwise miss out

We are working with Helen Tandy from Eco Communities on this part of the project, if you get in touch, or she will start reaching out to people.

Why join the interest list now?

It costs nothing and doesn't commit you to anything — but it helps us prove demand, which is essential for securing the funding and grid connections we need to get this off the ground. See link to survey below.

Eco Communities are offering a £10 off voucher off its Full Circle Online Shop, to one lucky person who completes the survey.



Clayhill Solar Farm



We've already completed a feasibility study into a solar farm at Clayhill. The next step depends on a national decision (known as "P441") about how local power sites can connect to the electricity grid — a decision that's currently out of our hands, sitting with the industry regulator.

Once there's clarity, we'll know what's possible here and can move forward. We'll update you as soon as we hear

Clayhill Landfill Site Feasibility Study ...

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New Partnerships: Solar on Neston Civic Hall and NCYC

We're working with Neston Civic Hall and NCYC to look at putting solar panels on both buildings' roofs, making use of spaces we already have to generate clean power, cut running costs for these community organisations, and show what community energy can do close to home.

We're still at the early stages, working through the technical and financial details, and will share more soon.

Out and About

We had a great time at Neston Village Fair and the Family Fun Day at NCYC, thank you to everyone who stopped by, asked questions, signed up as a member, or pledged support.

We'll be at more events like this soon — let us know if you'd like to help out at

Talking to Other Local Groups.

We've also started conversations with other organisations that manage public buildings and spaces in the area, to see where we could team up on future solar projects. Sharing costs and effort across a few sites, rather than each going it alone, could mean bigger impact for everyone.

Save the Date: AGM & Supporters' Meeting

When: Tuesday 23 September, 7:00–8:00pm

Where: NCYC Burton Road Neston

All members, supporters, and anyone curious about our work is welcome.

- Members will hear the year's statutory reports and vote on the running of the company
- Everyone is welcome to stay for the open meeting afterwards, with a guest speaker (or two!) to look ahead to the year to come.



Get Involved

Community energy only works with community support. Whether you're a resident, a local business, or a community group, there are lots of ways to help — from joining the Energy Club interest list to volunteering at events.

Get in touch: nestoncommunityenergy@gmail.com

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- Take control of your electricity use.
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