



Severn Wye Energy Agency - Current and recent projects

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1. Save II programme (Forest of Dean) (1997 – 2000)

This programme included strategic work with planning and economic development officers to seek ways to encourage the use of renewable energy sources.

Funding : Save II (European Commission), Forest of Dean District Council, Rural Development Commission.

2. Energy Plan for Forest of Dean District (1998)

An energy plan incorporating an appraisal of the renewable energy sources available in the area in addition to a review of current energy use trends and opportunities for energy efficiency.

Funding: Carried out under the SAVE II programme

3. Focus on Families (1998 –2000)

Final stage of project to raise awareness of energy efficiency and associated health issues amongst families with children under five years old in Gloucestershire.

Funding: (DETR/EST) HECAction, consortium of Gloucestershire local authorities, led by Stroud District Council

4. Energy for Sustainable Tourism (1998-1999)

A programme of energy surveys and capital grants for energy efficiency improvements aimed at tourist accommodation businesses.

Funding: MEB SoP Flexibility

- 5. Study of the potential market for refined biomass in UK (1999-2000)**
A partnership with agencies in Sweden, Austria, Belgium, France and Italy, this study compared the markets for refined biomass (wood pellets and briquettes) in different countries, and the opportunities for the development of a UK market
Funding: Altener programme, European Commission
- 6. Energy Champions (1999 - 2001)**
Training and support for teams of community energy advisers in Stroud and Forest of Dean Districts.
Funding: NEA (MEB/n-power SOP flexibility project)
- 7. Warm-hearted homes (1999 –2001)**
Training for health and community workers working with families in Wiltshire, linking to Wiltshire Local Agenda 21.
Funding: HECAction, consortium of Wiltshire local authorities, led by Swindon.
- 8. A pilot ESCO for SME's in the Tourism Sector (1999)**
Research and development of a business plan for an energy services company (ESCO) aimed at help local SME's finance energy efficiency improvements.
Funding: Energy Savings Trust (EST)
- 9. Gloucestershire Energy Roadshow (1999)**
A series of business energy efficiency seminars around Gloucestershire run from the DETR mobile seminar room
Funding: a partnership project run through Gloucestershire Environmental Business Forum funded by DETR, corporate and Local Authority sponsorship.
- 10. Wolverhampton affordable warmth (1999 –2000)**
Training for health and social services staff, partnership between local authority and health trust. Assistance in development of further projects to roll out affordable warmth strategy.
Funding: Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council and Wolverhampton Health Authority
- 11. Daventry health pack (1999)**
Advice pack on energy efficiency for people working with hospital leavers in Daventry. In association with Alan Pither, energy consultant.
Funding: Daventry District Council

12. Energy efficiency in core skills education (1999-2000)

Publication of two manuals about home energy efficiency, for use in adult core skills education. One is for numeracy work, and the other for language (literacy and English as a Second Language).

Funding: Eaga Charitable Trust

13. Delivery of NEA (National Energy Action) City and Guilds Energy Awareness courses in the region (ongoing)

Open access courses for the Midlands region, as well as a number of in house courses in the South and West Midlands. On behalf of NEA.

Funding: various

14. The Green Key Scheme (2000 – 2002)

A project to stimulate investment in energy efficiency measures by people who are moving home in rural Gloucestershire.

Funding: (DETR/EST) HECAAction, consortium of Gloucestershire local authorities led by Forest of Dean District Council, Scottish Power.

15. Gloucestershire Energy Advice Centre (2001 -)

Provision of an energy efficiency advice service for households in Gloucestershire, as part of the network of EEACS supported by the UK government through the Energy Saving Trust. Includes distribution of low energy lights to low income homes.

Funding (in kind or cash): Energy Savings Trust, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council, Tewkesbury Borough Council, n-power (cfls).

16. Affordable Warmth Strategy Development, (2000-1)

Development of affordable warmth strategies for the counties of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, through a participative process involving District and County Councils, Health Authority, voluntary agencies and private sector interests.

Funding: District Councils – Housing

17. Warm and Well (Energy Efficiency is Good for You) (2001 –)

Promotion, advice and grants for energy efficiency to households in Gloucestershire vulnerable to health problems from cold or damp homes. Run in cooperation with health and social care professionals, as well as housing and voluntary agencies. Launched in September 2001. Extended to include South Gloucestershire in October 2002. Pilot phase very successful and thereafter extended on annual basis.

Funding: (DETR/EST) HECAAction, consortium of 6 Gloucestershire local authorities plus South Gloucestershire, led by Cheltenham Borough Council, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Gloucester and Forest of Dean Primary Care Groups, Scottish Power.

18. Renewable Energy Development Initiative (REDI) (2000-2003)

A Gloucestershire based project to encourage community participation in renewable energy developments through a training process for community groups and local authorities followed by project development support.

Funding: Environmental Action Fund (DETR), Shell Better Britain Campaign, JJ Charitable Trust and Mark Leonard Charitable Trust

19. RES in schools (2001 – 2)

A project to stimulate and support the development of flagship renewables projects in schools in Gloucestershire.

Partners: ESV (Upper Austria), OFE (Norway), EREN (Leon, Spain)

Funding: Altener II programme (European Commission)

20. Lydney Local Power: Renewable Energy at Lydney Docks (2000-2001)

A study into the feasibility of renewable energy at Lydney Docks, leading into a public consultation process.

Funding: Environment Agency, Rural Development Programme (FODDC), Gloucestershire County Council

Followed by implementation phase, 2002-4, funded by Innovation Fund (Energy Saving Trust)

21. Community Renewables Initiative – Local Support Team (2002-5)

Provision of advice and training on all aspects of renewable energy to help communities in Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire to devise and develop their own ideas for renewable energy. Part of a partnership covering 10 areas of England.

Funding: Countryside Agency

22. Wye Local Power (2001-2)

Programme of work to raise awareness of potential for renewable energy with residents of lower Wye Valley, including development of local solar club and feasibility studies for small hydro at six sites.

Funding: Wye Valley AONB (Herefordshire/Monmouthshire)

23. Local Authority Support Programme (2002-)

Support to local authorities in Gloucestershire to assist them to improve domestic energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty in their area, aiming to enhance effectiveness of delivery of HECA (Home Energy Conservation Act) strategies, and sustainable energy within community planning, Best Value and other strategic development.

Funding: Energy Saving Trust

24. WISE Homes (2003 - 5)

Feasibility study (and subsequent implementation) to develop an effective approach to delivering energy efficiency advice and measures to 'hard to treat' homes such as those with solid walls and/or not on the mains gas network. In partnership with Stroud and Cotswold District Councils, and the local Home Improvement Agencies.

Funding: Innovation Fund (Energy Saving Trust)

25. Active Warm and Well (2003-4)

Development and delivery of information materials and training sessions to health and social care staff about energy efficiency, health and condensation damp.

Funding: Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Primary Care Trust (on behalf of Health Promotion Gloucestershire)

26. Build it Greener (2003-4)

Feasibility study for a scheme to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy within home improvement through DIY retail outlets, media and relevant local authority departments.

Funding: Innovation Fund (Energy Saving Trust)

27. Rent Warm Rent Well (2003-4)

Additional strand to the Warm and Well scheme, targeting private landlords and providing advice to tenants and subsidies for energy efficiency measures.

Funding: NEA (Midlands Energy Efficiency Projects)

28. Renewable Energy Action Plans for Gloucestershire and Wiltshire (2003-4)

Facilitation of county forums in order to establish a Renewable Energy Action Plan for each County, to support Revision 2010 and with a view to adoption as, or informing the development of Supplementary Planning Guidance

Funding: Government Office for the South West

29. SHECANE Fuel Poverty Study (2004)

Assistance to Southern Home Energy Conservation and Action Network (SHECANE) in developing/updating fuel poverty strategies for three local authorities in their area within the framework of the UK Fuel Poverty Strategy.

Funding: Energy Saving Trust (Local Authority Support Programme)

30. Forest of Dean Climate Change Strategy (2004)

Assistance in the development of a climate change section for the Forest of Dean District Council's Sustainable Environment Strategy.

Funding: Forest of Dean District Council, Energy Saving Trust (Local Authority Support Programme)

31. Tewkesbury Climate Change Strategy (2004)

Assistance in the development of a climate change strategy for Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Funding: Tewkesbury Borough Council, Energy Saving Trust (Local Authority Support Programme)

32. Biorreg Floresta

European partnership project with partners in Spain, Portugal and Ireland, to develop the local bio-energy industry, supporting the establishment of fuel supply from forestry residues and installation of small to medium biomass heating plant.

Funding: European Commission INTERREG Programme and CRI

33. Social Housing Energy Efficiency Forum (2004)

Setting up and hosting a forum for (LA and RSL) officers involved with social housing to meet to collaborate on issues of common interest, share best practice and access available funding for improving energy efficiency in the home.

Funding: Energy Saving Trust