



Catrin Maby, Director

Catrin has a background in engineering and has worked in sustainable energy development since 1984, when she set up an energy advice service for tenant organisations in London. She has considerable experience in training, awareness raising and strategic development at local authority level, and assisted several authorities in the development of their first Home Energy Conservation Act reports in 1996.

She was co-author in 1998 of Advice into Action, researching the evaluation of energy advice to low income households, and has led or collaborated on the development of a range of advice and educational materials, including the first Heating Advice Handbook in 1986, the 'Save Energy, Save Money' video for Birmingham City Council (translated into Urdu, Punjabi, Gujarati, Chinese and Welsh), the 'At Home With Energy' series for NEA,

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BA Hons (Oxon) Engineering Science

MSc Energy Resources Management

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exhibitions, games and activities for schoolchildren, and materials for use in core skills adult education. She has trained over 800 people to City and Guilds Energy Awareness standard including staff of fuel utilities, insulation companies, housing professionals and voluntary organizations, and has developed and delivered tailor-made training for numerous organisations.

As an independent energy consultant, Catrin assisted Birmingham City Council in developing sustainable energy aspects of inner city regeneration work, working with technical and community liaison staff and community groups over a period of several years. Catrin joined the Severn Wye Energy Agency as Director in June 1999.



Graham Ayling, Project Manager

Graham has worked in sustainable energy since 1994, with experience in the private, public and voluntary sectors, including the Friends of the Earth climate campaign, Franklin Associates renewable energy consultancy and Forest of Dean District Council. He has been with the Energy Agency since it was set up under the EU SAVE programme in 1997.

Graham has managed a variety of projects in both renewable energy and energy efficiency, including grant schemes, research, market development, community-based renewables, and public consultation on renewable energy. He has managed the SWEA input to two further European programmes concerning the development of a market for refined biomass, and renewable energy in schools, in partnership with Austrian, Swedish, Spanish, French, Belgian and Norwegian agencies.

Qualifications:

MPhil (Eng.) Sustainable Energy Policy for the UK

BSc (Hons) Earth Science with Human Geography

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Graham has developed an impressive track record in strategic work on sustainable energy and input into policy, and is a valued contributor at local, regional and national level. A particular strength which gives him an important role in the SWEA team is his wide understanding of the technical, social and political issues around all the subjects with which the agency is concerned, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, affordable warmth and climate change.



Kaye Welfare, Energy Efficiency Advice Centre (EEAC) Manager

Kaye joined the agency in 2000, after three years as Energy Efficiency Coordinator for Stroud District Council. She has an excellent track record in developing and running local energy efficiency projects, and has gained a reputation for turning a challenge into a resounding success. The tremendous progress of the EEAC under her management, achieving maximum activity levels for 2002-3, is just another example of this phenomenon!

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An important feature of Kaye's work at Stroud was to reach the wider community, developing projects that were partnerships between the statutory, voluntary and private sectors. She was also a significant partner in bringing together a forum of Home Energy Conservation Act officers in Gloucestershire, a group which has been responsible for several joint initiatives including two successful HECAAction bids and the development of a joint strategy for affordable warmth.

With a background in sales, production control and local newspapers, Kaye brings important organisational, media and marketing skills to Severn Wye.

Qualifications:

BSc Geology

Post Graduate diploma in business studies and personnel management

City and Guilds Part 1 Photography

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Sarah Giff, Warm and Well Coordinator

Sarah joined the agency in 2002, after two and a half years with the Devon Energy Efficiency Advice Centre.

With an early career in pharmacy and sales, she brings with her an excellent track record in marketing energy efficiency and working in partnership with the private and statutory sector. Her achievements within the EEAC are reflected in her nomination as an individual for the South West HECA Awards for 2002.

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Taking on the Gloucestershire Warm and Well scheme was a natural next step from coordination of the successful Plymouth Healthy Homes project, a smaller scheme but with similar aims and target group. She has brought energy and enthusiasm to her role within the EEAC team.

Qualifications:

Pharmacy Technicians
Distance Learning Course,
National Pharmaceutical
Association

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Barbara Moreton, Energy Adviser

Barbara joined the agency in 2001, when we took on the delivery of the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre.

With an early career in the police service, Barbara returned to work after bringing up her family, taking a degree in Environmental Policy.

She has a keen interest in both community and environmental issues, and as a Forest of Dean resident was an active participant in the development of the local Agenda 21 plan for the area. Her voluntary work has also engaged her with a variety of church, youth and other community groups, and her patience and empathy with vulnerable people is an asset to the advice work of the agency.

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Qualifications:

BA Hons Environmental
Policy with Geography

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NVQ Level 3: Working with
others; Communication;
Improving Own Learning
and Performance



Keren Price, Energy Adviser

Keren joined the agency in 2000, on placement from the Forest of Dean Council, to provide energy advice to residents of the local area. This led to her later role in the Gloucestershire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre team.

With fourteen years experience in Benefits at the Council, and previously at the Unemployment Benefit Office, Keren brought with her a wealth of knowledge of social and welfare issues, customer care, and local authority services, of great value to the work of the advice centre.

While at the Council she volunteered to join the cross-departmental Green Team, and had developed her knowledge of environmental issues. She was also a volunteer member of the Energy Champions group, and had undertaken her energy awareness training. Her other interests within the community have included attending many local events and the responsibility of working as a Presiding Officer at elections. Keren is Forest of Dean born and bred and as such has a detailed knowledge of the area and its people.

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Qualifications:

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Paul Sheridan, Energy Adviser and WISE Homes Coordinator

Paul joined the Agency in 2004, and shares his time between an energy adviser role for the EEAC and co-ordinating the WISE Homes project. He comes from an engineering background, and has practical experience of living with both solar hot water and photovoltaic systems on his own house.

He has a keen interest in environmental issues, particularly renewables, and has been an enthusiastic volunteer for a renewable energy educational charity. Paul brings a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm to the agency.

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Qualifications:

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National Homes Energy
Ratings (NHER) site
Surveyor

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Open University



Ed Dearnley, Local Authority Support Programme (LASP) Coordinator

Ed joined SWEA in 2002, to coordinate the Local Authority Support Programme.

He is in an ideal position to provide this service, with a detailed knowledge and understanding of the responsibilities that local authorities have under the Home Energy Conservation Act and other legislation, as well as a thorough local's knowledge of Gloucestershire.

Prior to joining SWEA Ed spent two years as Energy Advice Officer at Cotswold District Council, where he worked on new energy advice and awareness raising initiatives, the development of energy efficiency grant schemes, and improving the collection and management of housing energy efficiency data. Previous work placements at

Warwickshire EEAC and on in National Energy Action's 'Rural Energy Awareness Project' have helped to give him a wider perspective on the industry.

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Qualifications:

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Mike Brain, Sustainable Energy Adviser (LASP)

Mike joined the agency in 2004, to assist the Local Authority Support Programme.

Having spent two years managing the government funded Action Energy programme for the Bristol & Somerset region he has worked closely on developing partnerships with both business and environmental organizations throughout the south west.

Additional projects undertaken include private rented sector insulation schemes and co-ordination of an energy efficiency installer's network covering both the commercial and domestic sector.

With an additional six years knowledge of working within the electricity industry Mike has well developed project management skills and delivery experience covering a range of energy related topics.

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Qualifications:

National Homes Energy Rating (NHER) Site Surveyor & Site Assessor

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CIBSE – Conducting non-domestic energy surveys – Monitoring & Targeting

Working towards Training in Energy Management through Open Learning



Kierson Wise, Renewable Energy Project Coordinator

Kierson joined SWEA in 2002 to take forward his interest in sustainable energy by running the community-based Lydney Local power project. With diverse experience in teaching English as a foreign language, youth work and traditional crafts, he brings a fresh perspective to the organization, and has already shown that he has the considerable persistence, commitment and diplomacy needed to work through the barriers to success faced by a community project of this scale.

Kierson has a Masters degree in Climate Change and Sustainable Development which included working with Sustainable Energy Ireland to deliver a successful dissertation on Ground Source Heat Pump Technologies

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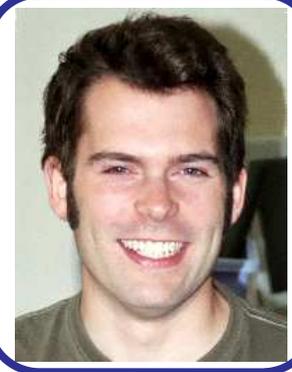
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Qualifications:

MSc Climate Change and Sustainable Development, DeMontfort University, Leicester

BA Geography with Development Studies, University of Sussex

Renewable Energy Technologies, Unit T265, Open University



Ben Sang, Renewable Energy Adviser

Ben joined the Agency in 2002 to further his interest in renewable energy, after completing his degree in energy engineering.

Ben's core duties are site visits, Community Renewables Initiative newsletters, advisory group meetings, presentations and dealing with renewables enquiries; Ben has also organised a seminar to explore renewable energy opportunities for farmers in Gloucestershire.

With an excellent academic record, Ben had also successfully fulfilled a number of short term engineering contracts during his education. He has brought a high level of professionalism and commitment to the community renewables programme, and is a valuable member of the team.

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Becky Browne, Administrator

Becky joined SWEA as office administrator in April 2003, and takes responsibility for all aspects of administration, including payroll and book keeping.

With excellent IT and book keeping skills, Becky has worked previously for a software training group, Danfoss, Stroud District Council and bureau and personnel services organizations. She has covered a range of book keeping, accounts, clerical, reception and other administrative duties, including organizing conferences and training courses.

Qualifications:

Various word processing, business administration, installation and maintenance of computers, typing and shorthand and bookkeeping certificates.

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With the rapid expansion of the agency during the past three years has come a necessary swift expansion of office and organizational systems and procedures, and the importance of the administrative roles. Becky's calm and cheerful response to all events has made her a crucial and much valued member of the team.

SWEA Information

The Severn Wye Energy Agency is one of a network of agencies across Europe set up to stimulate the development of sustainable energy through local and regional action for energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources. It is an independent not-for-profit company and registered charity.

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