

THE GREENHOUSE TRUST – NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK

For three years The Greenhouse Trust has worked with the Norfolk branch of the Campaign for Protection of Rural England to promote 'Green' building tours as a specialist part of the National Heritage week. In previous years we have provided tours of the Greenhouse and talked to hundreds of people about building/climate change related issues.

On 10,11,12,13th September 2009 the Greenhouse will be open to the public with a focus on 'Future Heritage' as we are keen to establish how to increase the delivery of such a vision.

The Greenhouse Trust has teamed up with:

- Norfolk Solar, - Solar hot water Installer
- Good Energy, - Green energy supplier
- Norwich Warm Homes - Insulation advisors and grant makers
- The Energy Saving Trust (EST) - Advisors and government grant advisors

Both the regional co-ordinator for the EST and the owner of Norfolk Solar will be on hand to provide advice to visitors and the general public. Matt Wickes from the EST will be making four presentations to invited councillors, with a specially prepared presentation on what local authorities can do to tackle climate change by developing their energy policies.

An exhibition about various aspects of climate change is being created for the event, which will continue to be used after Heritage week is over. The exhibition will be linked to a questionnaire which we hope will provide important evidence to funders that our appeal for funds to set up a 'Solar Bank' can be launched to coincide with either 350 day (24th October) or around the December (COP 15) conference date in December 2009.

On the Sunday a 'Greenhouse Trail' is being organised to create a more light-hearted and creative approach to the information in the exhibition. The Greenhouse has linked up with a number of local shops, artists and the local Heritage week promoters (HEART), in order to attract as wide an audience as possible to the Greenhouse generally and the trail in particular.

THE NATURESAVE CONTRIBUTION

In order to maximise access to the information being assembled for display, we are updating and redesigning the sustainable technology leaflets that are available from the Greenhouse (and website).

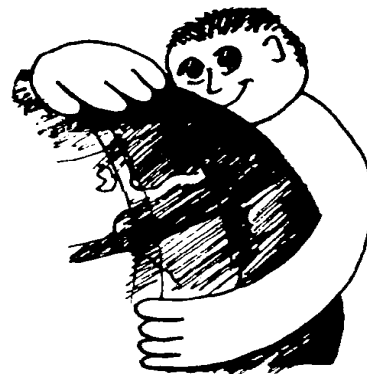
Visitors to the building (include the councillor/delegates) will be able to take away leaflets on:

- Solar hot water heating
- Photo-voltaic energy systems
- Rainwater collecting & Harvesting
- Grey water and compost toilets
- Paint (organic)
- Micro-wind generation
- Building insulation

THE AIMS

- We have chosen to work with the above organisations as a way of building the links between the existing services.
- The Trust has been amongst the numerous organisations pressing the Government to support Feed In Tariffs (FITS). With success on the horizon, we are keen to develop our capacity to provide recommended service providers and prepare for the market when FITS arrive.
- The Greenhouse is endeavouring to set up a 'Solar Bank' to increase the delivery of renewable technology in the City.
- We hope that the policy and practice can be replicated across the UK.

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