

South Devon Energy Advice Team

South Dartmoor Community Energy

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South Dartmoor Community Energy is a not for profit, community benefit society, set up in summer 2016. It has eight voluntary directors and aims to help local communities to become more energy efficient and to get involved in, and benefit from, renewable energy projects.

The society has just launched an energy advice team (Sept 2016), to provide advice and practical support to help people across South Devon save energy and money in their homes. The team currently consists of two experienced energy advisors, who are going to be delivering an extensive programme of outreach activity across South Devon. This includes providing talks to community groups and clubs, organising drop in advice sessions in libraries and other community facilities, providing briefings to home visiting professionals and offering home visits where necessary.

The advice is all free and impartial and includes information on;

- choosing the best energy deal,
- switching energy provider
- applying for grants and discount schemes from the fuel companies
- the smart meter roll out
- energy efficiency measures and
- domestic renewable energy technologies



The ultimate aim is to reduce fuel poverty and to help people lead warmer, healthier lives. The Team are working with neighbouring community energy groups, Citizens Advice and the wider voluntary sector to add value to the advice they offer and to encourage more people to engage with the world of energy.

The advisors are raring to go and South Dartmoor Community Energy is delighted that The Naturesave Trust has agreed to support the project. The grant will help the organisation to better promote the services of the energy advice team so that they can reach as many people as possible with their support and advice.