

## **Greener & Warmer: Energy Efficient Heating**

Ringsfield Hall EcoActivity Centre

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Naturesave has generously donated £2,000 towards the replacement of an oil burning boiler with an electric model, greatly reducing our carbon footprint and increasing energy efficiency.

Ringsfield Hall EcoActivity Centre is an innovative residential provider of Outdoor Education & Nature Connection programmes for schools, and hosts groups of all kinds for Group Accommodation and Retreats.



We really value providing warm hospitality, and with the demise of one of our old boilers we had a huge challenge keeping the place warm! However, the content of our education programmes is usually ecological and environmental; it is especially important to model what you teach and 'walk the talk'. So when the boiler failed, we knew that we needed to find a solution that demonstrated both of these values. We'd had an independent energy efficiency audit and already planned to increase our existing solar PV array, so an energy efficient electric boiler with thermal store seemed a perfect solution.



Of course funding is always a challenge for smaller charities, and that is the case for us too. Without Naturesave's grant we wouldn't have been able to go ahead. As a result of this grant we'll reduce our carbon footprint and save money, and it enables us to continue to offer warm hospitality as we engage children with education that enlivens their love and care of the natural world.