

Community case studies: energy performance projects

Organisation: Romsey & District Scouts

Location: Romsey

Ward: Romsey – Tadburn

Challenge

The Dr Peter Centre is the headquarters for the Romsey & District Scouts, but it is also used as a venue for a host of other community activities and events. The building utility bills were increasing at an alarming rate and there was the opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of the venue, which would address the financial pressure, use less energy and generate and store its own power.

Project Overview

In order to make the building more energy efficient and reduce reliance on the national grid, a project was undertaken to install solar panels to the roof, with battery pack to store energy generated, plus old lighting was replaced by LED lighting.

Funding

A range of funding was sourced were used for the solar panels, battery and LED lighting. Sources included:

- Community Asset Fund
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The National Grid Community Grant Programme



Impact

The works have enabled the centre to reduce their energy bills and continue acting as a hub for the Scouts. It can also now act as a resilience hub in situations such as power outages as it can generate its own electricity.

Where to find out more

You can find out more about Test Valley Borough Council's community grants at: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/communities/workingwithcommunities/communitygrants>

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