



Community Energy Plus is a registered charity and profit-recycling company which hosts the Cornwall Energy Advice Centre and the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.

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HEATWAVE FORECAST FOR ISLES OF SCILLY

Temperatures are set to rise across the Isles of Scilly as a team of engineers visit to install solar panels, heat pumps and insulation to hundreds of homes.

Islanders are well used to limited choices and inflated prices, but the recent increase in fuel costs has left many struggling simply to keep warm in their homes. Fuel prices here [IoS] are over 30% higher than on the mainland. However, many homes lack proper insulation because the cost of travel deters most companies from taking on small amounts of work.

Now a Camborne-based charity, Community Energy Plus, has stepped in to solve the problem by organising a bulk buy from Cornish companies.

Insulation experts Miller-Pattison will lead the way, supported by Eco Heat pumps and Plug into the Sun. However, they will only be able to carry out work on homes that have been visited by Miller-Pattison's surveyors, who landed on St Mary's today [Monday 3rd].

Lead surveyor Jarrod Hunt says the response so far has been good, but warns that time is running out:

We have already signed up over 400 homes, but we've keen to reach even more. There is still time to request a survey, but if you miss out now, the team won't be able to return for at least five years.

In a pilot project last year, insulation was fitted to the 106 houses owned by the council. This year, the scheme is open to all islanders, including Duchy tenants. To find out more or to request a free survey, residents should call Jarrod Hunt on 07740 738850.

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Notes to editors

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust.

CEP manages the international award-winning* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.

- CEP is the lead partner of the **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001), which is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors. The Partnership is committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. www.csep.co.uk
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.
- * On the 30th June 2005, Community Energy Plus was recognised by the prestigious international **Ashden Awards** in the UK Energy Efficiency category for its Home Health project, which has installed nearly three and a half thousand energy efficient measures into Cornish homes.

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