



## PRESS RELEASE

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# CUT YOUR FUEL BILLS AND WIN BACK YOUR COUNCIL TAX

**Time is running out for Cornish residents to enter a competition to have their council tax paid for a whole year.**

The prize is being offered by local charity Community Energy Plus as part of a scheme to record the energy efficiency of every home in Cornwall.

In the last ten years, CEP has gathered data on half of Cornwall's 200,000 homes and referred 14,000 for energy efficiency grants. Thousands of surveys have been posted across the county, but the competition is also open to those calling CEP's Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012. Centre manager Julia Tibbett says this is an opportunity not to be missed:

***"As fuel prices continue to rise, no home can afford to miss out on the expert advice available from the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre. With a free phone number, free advice and the chance to win a big prize, everyone's a winner in this competition."***

Phone lines are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). The competition is only open until the end of March, but the Advice Centre is open all year round. If the lucky winner is not a council tax payer, the prize will be three A-rated kitchen appliances.

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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](http://www.csep.co.uk)



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**Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy  
County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52  
the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to  
households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.

- \* On the 30<sup>th</sup> 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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