

Barningham Net Zero News

BARNINGHAM VILLAGE ENERGY PROJECT TO RECEIVE £38K GRANT

In the last few days, the green light has been given for Barningham to receive a grant of £38,400 from the **Rural Community Energy Fund** to evaluate options for renewable energy and heating solutions for the village. Late last year, a group of seven village volunteers started the ball rolling to bring “green” energy to Barningham. The aims of the project are to:

- Reduce energy costs for villagers
- Achieve a net zero carbon footprint from building emissions by provision of renewable energy throughout the village
- Provide surplus income from energy generation, which can help fund future energy efficiency improvements.

Since our last newsletter, the “Gang of Seven” volunteers have put much time, effort and a little cash into the scheme to “prime the pump”. The group has formed the **Barningham Net Zero Community Interest Company** to receive the grant, take this project forward and work on other sustainability initiatives. We hope to kick off the project in the summer, with appropriate precautions against Covid-19 risks.

WHAT IS THE GRANT FOR?

There needs to be an evaluation of the various technologies available for the village to generate renewable energy in the Barningham vicinity; this is an area requiring expert advice and, to this end, much of the grant will be used to engage a firm of consultants to undertake the work.

Additionally, there will be a review of village properties involving a confidential survey to all householders in Barningham to establish the total electricity use which will help determine the total requirements of the village. Whilst being voluntary, this input from residents is a vital step to making the Barningham energy initiative a success for all the community and help reduce householders’ energy use and cost. The consultants will advise on the most effective and practical method of carbon-free electricity generation and home heating – the community will then be in a position to decide the next steps via **Barningham Net Zero**.

THE WIBBLY, WOBBLY, WAY.....A WEBSITE for BARNINGHAM NET ZERO

It will soon be possible to follow progress of Barningham Net Zero activities on a new dedicated website, which is now under construction: <https://barninghamnetzero.com>. Currently, it features an introduction to the team, a brief outline of our aims and initial set of activities, which extend to sharing village produce and tree planting. It will be possible to contact the team through the website (or via contacts below).

LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION: CALLING ALL DESIGNERS (YOUNG AND OLD): Barningham Net Zero needs a logo!

Submit your design to info@barninghamnetzero.com by 1 September for a chance to win a £25 gift voucher from Curlew Books. The winning entry will be used on our newsletter and website, which will credit the artist. Further details on our website: www.barninghamnetzero.com

LIVING WITH LECCY: THINKING ABOUT GETTING AN ELECTRIC CAR?

There is already an electric car household in the village and more residents are expressing interest in converting to pollution-free travel. A huge amount of information is now available on-line. A good place to start looking is “**Maddie Goes Electric**” – a six-part series produced by the **fullychargedshow** which can be viewed on **YouTube**. Aimed at beginners it goes through choosing a car, charging at home, installing an electric car charger, planning your journey and so on.

Also on **YouTube** is **Electric Vehicle Man (EVM)** which has reviews of electric vehicles, chargers, living with an EV, etc. and is really one man’s opinion but is both informative and entertaining.

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