

# OtleGreen—News

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*Special points of interest:*

- Cycling Club will begin in the Spring—if you're interested please contact Phil Sweet
- [pandssweet@suffolkonline.net](mailto:pandssweet@suffolkonline.net)

*In the next edition.....*

[Otleys Carbon Footprint](#)

[More energy saving tips](#)

## **Greener Homes is a SCDC funded scheme that gives people free stuff to help them save energy in their homes. Everyone can get £50s worth of stuff and the average is £170. And its coming to Otley....**

OtleGreen's 100% Off Winter Sale

Free insulation, draft excluders, water butts, electricity monitors and more. OtleGreen is bringing Suffolk Coastal's 'Greener Homes DIY' scheme to Otley and our neighbouring villages. There is an element of means testing but everyone will receive something and the average of previous schemes has been £173 worth of energy saving goods per household.

Look out for the 'Wish List' forms that will be coming through your doors in February. Completed forms must be returned to the Village Shop or White Hart Pub before 28th February.

Any questions please contact Tony Barrett email [tonypbarrett@yhoo.co.uk](mailto:tonypbarrett@yhoo.co.uk) or telephone 01473 890384

## **Getting paid for generating your own electricity**

Time is running out if you are going to benefit from generating your own electricity and

- a £2500 grant
- an interest free loan
- 10% off normal prices
- 34p for every a kilowatt/hour you generate even if you use the electricity yourself

If you would like a no-obligation survey please complete the form on —

[www.eastgreen.co.uk/page/4161](http://www.eastgreen.co.uk/page/4161).

Making sure you add the words OtleGreen Bulk-buy scheme in the last box.

A modern upright freezer uses about 1 unit of electricity on a standard daily product, costing 9.66p\* per day .

Replacing your 10 year old fridge-freezer with an 'A' rated appliances could save about £46\*a year .

Fridges can use about 1 to 1.5 units of electricity per day depending on efficiency, that's about £35\* to £53\* per year .

A dishwasher's full load uses around 2-3 units of electricity, costing about 19p\* - 29p\* per load .

Electric cookers cost about £55\* to £65\* per year for a family of four .

**\* Based on E.ON's standard domestic product**

A tumble dryer's one hour cycle uses around 2.5 units of electricity - about 24p\* per cycle.

## Otley Green Web Site

This is being designed by Steve Czarnota and will link with other groups within the Village.

Please contact Steve if you have any ideas for our web-site

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East Green Energy are experts in the supply, installation and maintenance of a range of green energy equipment. Over the years they have worked with a wide range of farmers, property developers and private homeowners to help them make the most of their

environment whilst safeguarding everyone else's. They are registered with the DTI Low Carbon Buildings Programme for grants for Solar and Ground Source Heat Pumps. Contact for expert advice on energy systems, government grants and simple installation and maintenance.

*Winner of the "Greenest Business Award 2008" for outstanding commitment to sustainable design in buildings.*

[www.eastgreen.co.uk](http://www.eastgreen.co.uk)

**EVENTS**—If you would like to attend either of these events please contact Tony Barrett

### Greenprint Forum –

Monday **25 January**, 7pm to 9pm,  
Council Chamber, Melton  
Hill, Woodbridge

**A get together of green groups and  
activists across Suffolk**

### Creating the Greenest Communities

Gt Barton Village Hall  
Date: Saturday, **6th February**.  
Time: 10am -3pm (with an optional tour  
around Pakenham Watermill after-  
wards.)

**Workshop spreading knowledge and ideas**



Linking **people** who want to grow their own food to **space** where they can grow it

With allotment waiting lists massively over-subscribed and people right across the country keener than ever to grow their own fruit and veg, the aim for Landshare is to become a UK wide initiative to make British land more productive and

fresh local produce more accessible to all.

**http://  
www.rivercottage.  
net/landshare/**

**There is a potential  
allotment sized  
plot available in  
Otley – please con-  
tact Tony Barrett if  
you are interested**

**01473 890384**

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall said: “These kinds of initiatives offer immeasurable benefits to communities across a whole host of areas – from good health, to helping minimise our impact on the environment, to simply bringing people together.”

## **Otley Wood**

Geoff Holloway has a team working on this project.

There are grants available from The Forestry Commission and SCDC

The group are looking at places for a new wood and coppicing possibilities. Anyone interested please contact [geoffholloway@btconnect.com](mailto:geoffholloway@btconnect.com)



OtleyGreen is responding to some of the issues raised in Otley Village Plan. We have received funding and significant help and advice from SCDC. Our main objective is to encourage ways of saving energy and moving to renewable energy. Doing so will reduce the dangers of climate change, the UK's reliance on other countries for our energy and protect us against future price increases.

OtleyGreen is just one of numerous similar groups across the UK. There are over 60 groups in East Anglia alone

Our next meeting is Mon 22nd March at the Otley White Hart

please come along and join us if you can.

## Suffolk Climate Change Partnership

**We are all responsible for the emission of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) as we go about our daily lives. When we travel, make a cup of tea, take a bath, put ice in our drinks, watch the TV and listen to the radio we use energy and that releases CO<sub>2</sub>.**

Zero Cost CO<sub>2</sub> busting tips...

### Cooking:

- **Cover your pans when you cook.** This can reduce the energy needed by up to 90%!

- **Boil only the amount of water you need.** Every cup you boil represents 25 cups of CO<sub>2</sub> released.
- **Use the right size pan and cooker ring** (the base should just cover the cooking ring) if you can see the heat (either the electric ring or the gas flame up the side of the pan) it's too big and is costing you money.
- **Choose locally grown food that is in season.** Support

our farmers and choose produce with the Union Jack. Does it really make sense to buy 'fresh' green beans that have been grown and flown in from Kenya in summer?