

## How its paid for

We raise money for these projects from grants and local communities. We also involve the users of the community buildings in these improvements, and hope to inspire them to undertake energy improvements in their own homes.

In a very practical way, we want to reduce the carbon emissions in the Chilterns, and do our bit to improve energy security, as well as to make life better in our own communities.

## Technologies



You might think that your building's energy makeover starts with some fancy new technology. This need not be so. We'll look at what can be done cheaply with your insulation and the heating system before considering renewables.

Once the building is working efficiently then you have the choice of technologies including solar thermal panels, solar electric panels, biomass boilers, ground source heat pumps, wind turbines and so on. Many of these technologies attract grants and other forms of funding. We'll recommend which will work for your building.

## Come on board

We encourage anybody involved in community buildings to become a member of LCCC. This will help you keep in touch with our activities in the Chilterns. Our web site and a separate member's leaflet explains the benefits in more detail and how to join.




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Important information for Community Buildings Owners and Managers

*...helping the community to save energy & generate its own clean power...*



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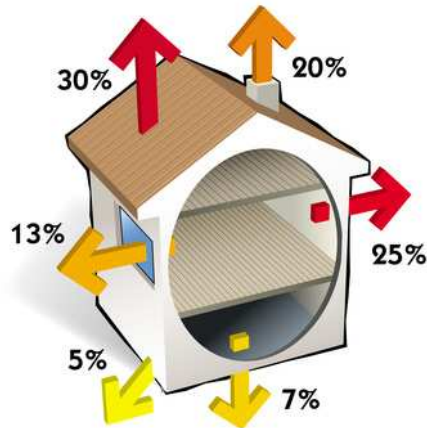
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# ...helping building owners and managers to save money and energy...

## Lending you a hand

Community buildings – such as village halls, community centres, youth centres, schools and religious buildings – are an important part of community life. As well as providing space for meetings and activities, they are often a key element in the local social landscape and are cherished by the local community. However these buildings can also be old, uncomfortable for users, expensive to run and wasteful on energy by today's standards.



This is where Low Carbon Chilterns Co-operative (LCCC) can help. It was set up in 2011 to help owners and managers of community buildings in the Chilterns area make their buildings more energy efficient and to inspire the users of the buildings to undertake their own energy efficiency improvements. It is now working with several community buildings, developing an expertise in reducing their energy costs, making them more comfortable for users, and lowering their carbon footprint.

## Working together



We invite building owners or managers interested in working with LCCC to make contact with us (contact details below). Our general process is:

1. We ask you to complete a simple questionnaire about the building, its users, energy usage and energy improvements
2. We will then meet you on site to look at the building, carry out an initial assessment, and discuss how we can work together
3. We can then carry out a full technical assessment of the scope for energy efficiency, renewable energy and improved energy management. This will include the provision of an Energy Performance Certificate and a report with a recommended programme of works, an estimate of costs and a calculation of energy savings. We will ask you for a letter to authorise us to go ahead with the technical assessment and report, and there will generally be a charge for this stage.

## We can help

Once you have agreed the programme of works, LCCC can assist you with:

- ⇒ Preparation of tenders and selection of contractors
- ⇒ Project management of contractors
- ⇒ Fundraising
- ⇒ Ownership and maintenance of improvements
- ⇒ Working with the building's users and the local community to encourage them to carry out their own energy improvements.

LCCC will want to agree the detailed working and financial arrangements between itself and the building owner for the later stages in a legal contract, so that the roles and responsibilities of each party are clear.

