

Making community buildings more sustainable

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Cumbria Energy Auditing Group

- Set up by CAfS
- Local professionals
- Audits £400-£1000 (75% funding available for buildings in LDNPA)
- Pre-audit questionnaire
- Report prioritising recommendations
- Basis for funding bids



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Sustainable Community Buildings Programme

- Managed by Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS)
- Advice, information and grant funding
- Funding from the Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust and Lake District National Park SDF
- Assisted 75 buildings over 5 years
- Invested over £500,000 to date



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Aims of the Programme

- Lower running costs of buildings
- Create warmer, less damp places to meet
- Prioritise energy efficiency
- Lower carbon emissions
- Demonstrate to the wider public what can be achieved in their own homes
- Energise community action on climate change
- Good opportunities with Feed in Tarrifs



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Sustainable Community Buildings Funding 2011/12

- £75,000 provided by Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust and LDNPA Sustainable Development Fund
- 50% capital funding upto £10,000
- Match can be in kind
- Monies available till March 2012
- **Next Deadline 13th May 2011**



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Key requirements

- Available for hire 106 days a year
- More than one user group
- Won't fund architects fees, planning permissions etc. Capital only.
- Won't fund renewables if no energy efficiency measures
- Energy audit is a pre-requirement



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Happy customers



Bolton Village Hall (left); Lowick Village Hall (above)



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Sustainable Community Building Programme

Energy audits, funding, advice

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Our next deadline: Friday 13th May



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