



Press Release

Bath School Scoops Record-Breaking Solar Energy Grant

Photograph image available of children with Ash Sharma and the school 'solarometer'.

St Saviour's Nursery & Infant School in Bath has secured a grant of £10,000 to put solar panels on its roof, the highest grant ever awarded to a school participating in the UK-wide "Solar Schools" scheme. The funding has been awarded by the Bath & West Community Energy Fund, and the school is now more than half-way towards its target of £20K to fund the panels, planned for installation in the autumn.

The solar panels will be a 10kW array, aimed at generating approximately 25% of the school's electricity demand and providing income during the school holidays. The school plans to raise the rest of the money by approaching businesses and organising fundraising events, including an auction evening in March. The school launched its solar project in October 2015 after teaming up with the national Solar Schools scheme aimed at promoting photo-voltaic arrays. Donations to the project can be made by visiting www.solarschools.org.uk/stsaviours.

Ed Harker, Headteacher, said "In 2015 we celebrated the school's 50th anniversary and wanted to create a long-term legacy by fitting solar panels to our roof. We're excited at the prospect of doing our bit for the environment and helping the children understand more about renewable energy, and we're delighted to have been selected by BWCE Fund as their flagship project."

Ash Sharma, Chairman of BWCE Fund, said "This is a wonderful, sustainable community led initiative with which the BWCE Fund is pleased to be associated. I have been very impressed with the organisation of the project and the level of buy-in from the school community - children, parents and teachers alike. With such support I am confident it will be a successful, long-term venture."

Notes for Editors

St Saviours is a Local Authority school in B&NES with 230 children between the ages of 3 and 7.

Bath & West Community Energy Fund was set up as an independent charity by award winning Bath & West Community Energy. Its purpose is to make grants to support low carbon and fuel poverty initiatives in the local area. It is funded by BWCE from by surplus income and member donations. More details can be found at bwce.coop/communityfund. The Fund is currently administered by the Quartet Community Foundation, quartetcf.org.uk

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