

Community funded solar panels for your building? Cut carbon, cut costs and support your community

Why install community funded solar panels?

- Take practical action to combat the climate emergency
- Cut your electricity costs (by at least 10% vs the grid)
- Get closer to your local community by joining Bath & West Community Energy (BWCE).

What is community funded solar?

- Free solar panel installations for businesses, schools and community buildings
- BWCE raises the money, installs the system, owns and maintains it
- You get cheaper power from the solar (at least 10% cheaper than the grid) and slash your carbon emissions
- Surplus income is donated to local community projects to reduce emissions and fuel poverty
- Your organisation and your people get an opportunity to invest in BWCE and earn an annual return.

Which roofs may qualify?

- Located in the Bath & West area (go to www.bwce.coop/community-solar-2020 for details)
- Southerly facing pitched roof in good condition (ideally 300 square metres – around the size of a tennis court) OR a shallow pitched roof which faces due East and West
- On a building that uses a significant amount of power year round.



Lewis House, Bath

Who are BWCE and how can we do this?

BWCE is a not-for-profit Community Benefit Society controlled by our members. Our primary mission is not to make money but to reduce local carbon emissions. We do this by increasing the amount of local renewable energy generation and delivering projects to reduce the energy demand of local households, businesses and organisations.



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Since being established in 2010 we have:

- ➔ Installed renewable energy equivalent to the annual demand of **4,000 homes**.
- ➔ Donated over **£155,000** to local projects through our community fund.
- ➔ Installed solar pv on **nine schools** and **four community buildings** plus one small water wheel.
- ➔ Installed **five ground mounted solar arrays**.
- ➔ Raised over £9 million through community shares and bonds towards the capital cost of systems

For more information on our existing projects go to www.bwce.coop/our-projects