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Newsletter of the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network

Promoting local renewable energy and supporting local people since 2011

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Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022 from the WREN Board

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£60,000 St Breock Fund Open

The St Breock Windfarm Community Fund is now open for applications. The Fund makes grants to community, voluntary, and not-for-profit organisations in Wadebridge, Egloshayle, St. Breock, St Wenn, Withiel, St. Issey and St. Columb. More than £60,000 is available for projects that benefit these local communities .

This is the seventh year of the Fund. Over that time it has helped a wide range of organisations and projects. Schools, sports clubs, theatre groups, music festivals, support services for vulnerable people, environmental projects and village halls have all benefitted.

The closing date for completed applications is 5 pm, Friday 11th February 2022.

Decisions on applications will be made by late March 2022 and groups will be notified shortly after that date.

Get further details, application form and fund guidelines on our [website](#).

Or contact WREN –

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Net Zero Community Project Update

The big news at the moment is the sudden spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, but that doesn't mean that climate change has magically disappeared, nor that the need for net zero emissions has gone away. WREN and partners will continue to work on Net Zero Community.



WREN is responsible for community engagement, so we will be looking carefully at events where we want to bring people together, and how we can run them in a safe away. However, we are kicking off one initiative which is perfectly Omicron-safe - the search for Net Zero Heroes.

Are you a Net Zero Hero?

Do you know someone who is? Have you got a friend, neighbour, or work colleague who you think is making heroic efforts to reach net zero? Or know a club, school or a business that is?

WREN is looking for people and organisations in the Wadebridge and Padstow area who are doing something to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions and thus contributing to the target of Net Zero Emissions in the fight against climate change.

This might include those who have come up with clever and unique low cost solutions to reduce their environmental impact, gone to great efforts to reduce their energy consumption, made improvements in energy efficiency at home or at work, or have committed to a more sustainable lifestyle.

If you know someone, then please nominate them. We will shortlist our favourites and produce a series of Net Zero Hero features in our Newsletter and website over the next 12 months, culminating with an overall winner and a display in Wadebridge Town Hall.

To nominate someone (including yourself) email: simon.miller@wren.uk.com, providing us with contact details and a short description of what they (or you) have been doing to reduce carbon emissions.

LED Light Bulbs for Foodbank

WREN has donated low energy LED light bulbs to the Wadebridge Foodbank, so that 80 recipients of Christmas food parcels will receive one. LED bulbs use less than a quarter of the electricity of traditional incandescent light bulbs for the same light output, and less than compact fluorescent tubes too. But they cost more, so people needing the foodbank are less able to buy them, even though they last longer.

WREN's donation will allow someone to replace a 60W incandescent with a 9W LED, which saves about 10p a day if it's on for 10 hours. That doesn't sound much, but it's £36 a year for the lifetime of the bulb.

WREN purchased the bulbs from Dicksons Home Hardware using funds from its own currency Community Fund.



In The News

Heat Pumps When people talk about “decarbonising heating”, they mean moving away from burning fossil fuels (primarily mains gas, but also LPG and fuel oil), and what they mostly talk about as the replacement are heat pumps. The climate action group Possible has a guide to heat pumps on on its [website](#).

Government gives Cornwall £7.8 million to help warm 400 homes - Cornwall Reports

The Sustainable Warmth Competition, run by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, is distributing a £200 million fund intended to reduce carbon emissions and combat fuel poverty. Cornwall Council has been awarded £7.8 million.

Two schemes will run in tandem, starting next month. The first will see 370 properties of private tenure that are not on the gas grid be helped with the installation of heating powered by renewable sources and better insulation. The second will involve 30 social housing properties that are on the grid having their mains gas removed and replaced with renewable heating and improved insulation.

Here's the link to the full article on the Cornwall Reports [website](#).

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