



Loddon Community Energy (LCE) are delighted to announce that we have now sourced funding to enable us to move forward with the Bramley Greener Homes Project, which will help Bramley residents save energy, carbon and money.

It was such a pleasure to be able to advise and help so many people at the recent Bramley and Sherfield Fetes. We answered your questions about reducing your energy bills, with some of you signing up to have a free energy survey in your home, carried out by one of our volunteers.

In the height of summer, no one wants to think about the evenings drawing in, the colder weather, and what it does to our energy bills, but this is just the time of year to take preventative action.

To help you decide whether an energy survey is for you, we asked one of our volunteer Energy Champions to fill us in on what is involved.

How much does it cost?

LCE is a non-profit community benefit society and is run by and for local people, therefore there is no charge for the survey. We just ask that, if possible, a donation is made towards the volunteer travel expenses. However, this is purely up to the individual and should never be an obstacle to having a survey carried out.

What's involved?

We will come into your home and check all the areas where heat can escape, i.e., windows, doors etc, and look at how the building's insulation could be improved. We will also give you advice on other ways of saving energy, such as lighting. We may visit in the evening, using a thermal imaging camera if appropriate. We will talk you through what we see, and the implications for your energy use.

Do I have to prepare anything?

No, this is a completely non-invasive visit; we will not ask you to move furniture or lift carpets.

How long does it take?

It shouldn't take more than an hour, but obviously depends on the size of the property and also how much detail you would like us to go into.

Will you be selling me anything?

Absolutely not, we want to help you save energy and money, we do not sell anything or promote any businesses.

What happens at the end of the survey?

We will talk through our findings. You will then have the knowledge of where the heat is escaping and be able to take preventative measures. We will be able to advise you on possible next steps to ensure your home is energy efficient which will reduce your bills. You will be given a full report to refer back to after we have left.

I'm wary of having strangers in my home but would like a survey done.

We understand this completely, and you are more than welcome to ask a neighbour, friend or relative to be there when we visit. If at any time you want us to leave, we will do so immediately.

How many volunteers do you have?

The simple answer is not enough. The Bramley Greener Homes project is anticipating a high volume of residents asking for energy surveys and so we are asking people to consider volunteering to be one of our Energy Champions. No previous experience is necessary as all training will be provided, you just need to be interested in helping local residents reduce their energy use and save money.

If you are interested in having a survey done, or becoming one of our Energy Champions, Please contact us on info@loddoncommunityenergy.org.uk or call or text 07804 281564,

You can find more information about Loddon Community Energy on our website loddoncommunityenergy.org.uk