

The Purbeck Energy Group is a sub-group of Sustainable Swanage that focuses on energy solutions to reduce the carbon footprint of Swanage and surrounding areas. We have members from Swanage, Langton, Corfe and Stoborough, and would welcome representatives from Wareham and Studland. These are the main projects we are looking at:

1. To set up **Local Renewable Energy Co-operatives** that allow producers and consumers to benefit from mutually agreed rates favourable to both parties. We are looking to set up an [Energy Local Club](#) like the one in Bridport with the assistance of Dorset Community Energy. We are waiting for the Bridport Club to be up and running before proceeding further. This is likely to be in early 2021.
2. To organise **Group Discounts for the Purchase of Photovoltaic Solar Panels**. This has been done successfully in several towns and local authorities, including Frome in Somerset, which is known for its green approach.
3. To publicise the **Grants available for Insulation and other Energy-Saving Measures**. These are set out below.

**Healthy Homes Dorset** offers free surveys and advice to all households for loft, floor and cavity wall insulation, installing heating systems and replacing boilers. Some households may be eligible for full or partial grants.

<https://www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk/>

**Green Homes Grants** are only available until the end of March 2021. They are available to home-owners and landlords for up to two-thirds of the cost of installing:

- solar thermal panels [not PV panels]
- air source or ground source heat pumps
- wall, floor or roof insulation

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme>