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Energy

Smart Meter Project

We currently have 13 smart meters on loan to the community. These were provided from money from the climate challenge fund together with a book called 'Carbon Detox'. Householders are having them for 3 months then passing them on to another set of households as by then they will have learnt how to reduce their households energy. We are hoping to extend the project with a further 12 community smart meters and a class worth (30) for Fortrose Academy which will be used on a rolling program for kids to take home as part of their science lessons.

Greening homes and Gardens Mark2

Following the success of our day last year ([see news section](#)) when people were invited to go round and see what others had done to green their homes, we're hoping to hold a similar event this September. We ran this in conjunction with the local Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre and we've had them working with us on a number of other events which has more than doubled their normal response rate re insulation and renewable energy.

Wind

We are exploring how the local community can benefit from wind energy. We are being helped by Community Energy Scotland.

There are a number of possible ways to finance this on e option is 'Energy 4 All' which organised the co-operative part of the great glen wind farm is trying to set up a Scotland wide co-op called [Caledonia Energy Co-op](#). This would enable people anywhere in Scotland to buy shares in the company which could be used to fund renewable energy projects of different sizes. At the moment it is too expensive in legal fees to set up a co-op to finance smaller projects. This sort of finance might be suitable for projects on the Black Isle. Renewable energy shares are an attractive investment in the current financial situation.

[The Highland People's Food Seed Bank](#)
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[Moray Firth solar boat trips](#)
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Chip Fat Bio-diesel

We are still exploring the option of setting up a small scale project to convert chip fat to diesel. The kit we are thinking of produces 50 litres (1 tank) a day ([Fuelpod 2](#)). It costs £2000. Several households could club together to use a kit. We have so far only identified one supplier.

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