



Green Actions Really Can Pay!

The West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership recently offered grants of up to £500 to any business in West Sussex to implement a sustainable business project.. There were six successful applicants including West's of East Dean and The Mill House, Crawley.

West's of East Dean

Peter West established his business almost 30 years ago to make high quality bespoke furniture at the site he shares with his brother Gilbert West who runs L. West and Son in East Dean. The West family have been working with timber since 1809 and will celebrate their bicentenary next June.



Peter West applied for a Green Action Grant to put towards the purchase of a Dragon Biomass Boiler to heat the refurbished workshop using an under-floor heating system, and also to replace some electrical heating. He will be using their waste wood off-cuts and wood shavings to fire the boiler. This will save an estimated 10% on their electricity bills, mean that they don't have to run another oil fired boiler in the refurbished workshop and, as a bonus, he will avoid the high cost of disposing of his wood waste. www.westssofastdean.co.uk

Cost of purchasing	£4,900
Grant received from WSSBP	£500
Savings per year	£1,171



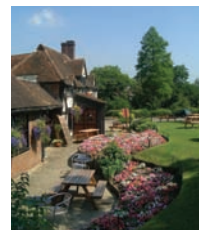
To learn more about biomass as a fuel for your business why not attend the Woodfuel Workshop event at West Dean on 7th May 2009. For more information see the events section on page 4.



The Mill House - Crawley

The Mill House dates back to 1550 and was granted a change of use to a public house and restaurant twenty years ago. It is now a family run business offering good food in a welcoming setting.

The Mill House applied for a Green Action Grant to help them with the cost of installing energy efficient lighting which was recommended following the free Energy Audit they had already received from the Partnership. Stuart Buckthorp, Proprietor of the Mill House, did face some difficulties in converting all the lighting to energy efficient technology. He found that until recently he couldn't complete this task as the technology hadn't been available, but as soon as it was, the grant enabled him to convert every bulb in his premises to an energy efficient alternative.



Cost of purchasing and installation	£950
Grant received from WSSBP	£475
Savings per year	£1,242
CO ₂ Savings per year	6.5 tonnes

In addition to the fantastic energy savings, the Mill House has won 'Crawley in Bloom' three times and has received an award from South East Water for their exceptional water conservation. They collect all the rain runoff from the roof and use this to water their beautiful gardens, they never have to worry about a hose pipe ban and they can be assured their gardens will always be worthy of prizes!

www.themillhouse.info

To find out more about these businesses and their savings please visit the Partnership's website.

www.westsussexsbp.org.uk

Funding Sources

Looking to find some money to help fund a project you have in mind? Worried that there is not enough money in the kitty? Then look on our website for links to and information about current funding sources.

Christmas Wish List For Your Business!



Encourage staff to turn off their PC when away from their desk.

The Ecobutton is a PC energy saving device designed to make it easy to reduce your computer's energy consumption when it is left idle. All you do is push the button when you're not using the PC and it puts it into sleep mode. Simply press any button on your return and it resumes exactly where you left off.



www.eco-button.com/uk

Reduce the running costs of your security lighting

Most security lights use 500-watt halogen bulbs and can cost £100+ a year to run! Why not invest in solar security lighting? Easy to install, needs no wiring and won't cost you a penny to run! You can pick from either a halogen or LED light and, once the battery is fully charged, the LED light can run for 9 hours.

Available from a number of retailers including Maplins and the Solar Centre.

www.maplin.co.uk www.thesolarcentre.co.uk

Help staff to save electricity at tea time

Saving energy and money whilst making your mid-morning cuppa, the Ekokettle uses only the right amount of water each time. In UK consumer trials directed by the Energy Saving Trust, the Ekokettle used an average of 31% less energy than normal kettles.



www.ekokettle.com

Easily monitor your energy use

These gadgets display real time usage of electricity in either kilowatt-hours or £s. They range in price from around £20 to £100. They can be used all around the office, will happily sit on anyone's desk and, at the end of the day, you can see if anything has been left on.



Current Cost Meters:
Efergy:
Wattson:
Eco Eye:

www.currentcost.com
www.efergy.com
www.diykyoto.com
www.eco-eye.com

COMPETITION

To celebrate the West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership's 10-year anniversary, we are giving away 10 sustainability related presents for your business including some of the above gadgets. If you'd like a chance to get your hands on these top prizes then have a look on page 3 for more details.

Recent Events Update

Mid Sussex Waste Workshop

In partnership with Envirowise and Mid Sussex District Council, the Partnership held a free morning workshop designed to save businesses money through better waste management. Speakers from Envirowise and the Environment Agency attended to provide help and advice. The 14 delegates devised 'Action Plans' and came up with some convincing cost saving actions.

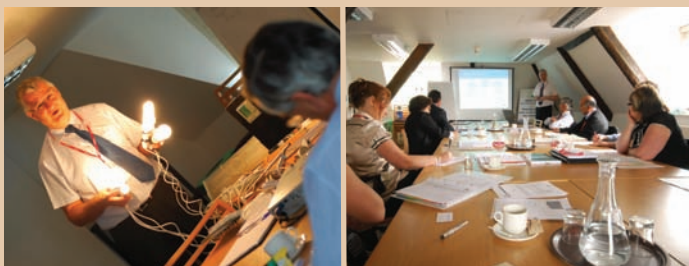
Chichester Simple Utility Management Seminar (SUMS)

16 delegates attended this free 2-day workshop, to learn all about how to better manage the water, waste and energy within their business and so save themselves money.

"The session provided a stimulus to put into practice good environmental measures that can be used not just for cost saving purposes but also for marketing purposes" Nigel Draffan, Goodwood Estate Management Ltd.

See the back page for a list of upcoming events and keep an eye on our website's event page.

www.westsussexsbp.org.uk



10 Years of Success and Savings for West Sussex Businesses



In a time when it seems like business support programmes come and go as quickly as X-Factor contestants, we are proud to report that the West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership is celebrating a grand anniversary. It is 10 years since the Environment Agency, the District, Borough and County Councils in West Sussex responded to the growing interest from local businesses in environmental issues by starting the West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership. Then, as now, the aim of the Partnership is to provide practical help to businesses on reducing waste and using water and energy more efficiently.

John Hoyland from West Sussex County Council realised that there was a role for local councils in helping businesses become more environmentally sustainable and he helped set up the project. He said *"I am delighted that this great initiative is still around and being supported by the organisations that set it up 10 years ago. It has helped thousands of businesses save hundreds of thousands of pounds. Congratulations SBP and WSCC, keep up the good work!"*

Rob Graham of Ecosys Environmental Management and Education was another driving force behind the creation of the Partnership. He said *"at a time when most people did not believe climate change was real, and energy, materials and water were cheap, we gathered together our first group of West Sussex businesses who understood the link between environmental responsibility and long term business growth. Their commitment and examples inspired a green revolution"*

in the county's business community. It put them ahead of the game then and they are reaping the rewards now".

One of these businesses, J.S. Humidifiers of Rustington, worked with the Partnership in the early years. Quality and Environment Manager, Karen Osborne-Shaw said, *"We attended SUMS training (Simple Utility Management Seminar) and received a free environmental review of our premises from the Partnership. We used the recommendations to take forward a range of initiatives and went on to gain ISO 14001 Environmental Management System certification which has helped us win new customers and demonstrate our commitment to addressing the environmental impacts of our business".*

Grab a prezzie for your business!

To celebrate the anniversary, the West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership is giving away 10 sustainability related items such as the featured **Eco-Button**, **Smart Meters** and **Eco-Kettle** - the perfect present to your business this Christmas! To enter and find out more about the free services available from the Partnership check out the website and simply send an email to sbp@westsussex.gov.uk with your business name and contact details. We will then put all the names together and draw out 10 lucky winners!

Businesses Save Over **£50,000** On Their Energy Bills With The Sussex Energy Project

A project of energy audits and grants run by West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership, the East Sussex Betre Project and Ecosys Environmental Management and Education has helped businesses across Sussex save an average of £1000 each on their energy bills.

The project was funded by the South East England Development Agency and provided energy audits to businesses who are not eligible for the nationally available Carbon Trust energy audits because they spend less than £50,000 per year on their energy bills.

"The report was really good and we have rolled out all of the principles and recommendations identified to all of our care homes".
Karen Howe, Gracelands Care Home, Bognor Regis.

West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership Co-ordinator, Shelaine Weller said; *"Small and medium sized businesses account for half of business energy use in the UK. West Sussex is dominated by these businesses and this programme allowed us to provide free audits to these businesses at a time of rising energy costs".*

A summary of the findings is available on the website www.westsussexsbp.org.uk. Although the specialist energy audits are no longer available, businesses can apply for a free Environmental Review which is a report of cost and resource saving actions tailored to your business from the West Sussex Sustainable Business Partnership. If you would like to know more, please contact **Shelaine Weller** on **01243 756869**.



EVENTS IN WEST SUSSEX 2009

Environment Management Systems workshop

Learn how about Environmental Management Systems and how to implement them in your business.

When

5th February 2009

Where

Crawley

Contact

email: jan.jackson@businesslinksussex.co.uk
01444 259 259

Cost

Free

How to Write an Environment Policy

Green Minded is running a 1 day workshop for businesses.

When

January 2009

Where

Sussex

Contact

email: training@greenminded.co.uk
01273 540998

Cost

£90

Brighton Science Festival

A week of talks, demonstrations & lively debate, with acclaimed writers, journalists and leading scientists
www.brightonscience.com

When

21st - 28th February 2009

Where

Brighton

Contact

email: richard@brightonscience.com

Cost

Various

SAVE MONEY THE GREEN WAY!

A woodfuel workshop for SMEs

Reduce your energy and waste costs by installing a woodfuelled boiler - a practical workshop to help you see if one would work for you. Look out for more details in the new year on the WSSBP website.

When

7th May 2009

Where

West Dean

Contact

email: sbp@westsussex.gov.uk
01243 777348

Cost

Free

Mid Sussex Community Eco Fair

A fun day with children's activities, entertainment, competitions, and local food and drink with an environmental focus.

When

7th June 2009

Where

St John's Park, Burgess Hill

Contact

email: ecofair@midsussex.gov.uk
01444 477 370

Cost

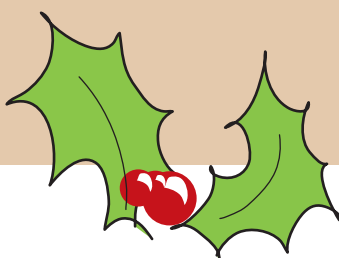
Free entry and pitch

Inspire Leisure Invest to Save

Inspire Leisure have made some excellent savings since contacting the Partnership in March 2007. The business has assessed the energy performance of their 3 sites through audits from the Carbon Trust. Following on from this, they undertook the following simple measures to save themselves £££s:

- Installed Variable Speed Drives on their water circulation pumps saving themselves 23% on their energy costs.
- Introduced an energy monitoring and targeting system.
- Added a Heatsaver Liquid Pool Cover to Arun Leisure Centre swimming pool.
- Fitted Passive Infrared Motion Detectors at Southfield Sports Pavilion and Littlehampton Swimming Pool.
- Formed a team of 'Power Rangers' to ensure good housekeeping such as turning off lights, monitoring pool and building temperatures and fitting energy efficient lighting.

Total cost to implement measures:
£20,425



Total Savings:
£21,000
a year!!!



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