

West Alness SAVE (Save And Value Energy) Project

PRESS RELEASE

Half way point for Alness savers – website launched

West Alness SAVE Project has reached its half way point looking like all targets and more will be achieved. WASP is an Alness based project whose aim is to help residents save energy and, more importantly, save money on their fuel bills.

Residents Associations in Alness negotiated funding from Scottish Hydro Electric to run the energy saving project for a year. They decided to employ an energy advisor, Brid McKibben, to visit people 200 homes in the area to help them reduce their bills. Brid has now visited 100 clients and given advice on how to save energy and save money.

She has also worked with the residents who have been eligible for reduced rate tariffs from their suppliers (24% of those visited are now saving up to 20% on their energy bills with the help of WASP), sorted out billing problems, helped folk who are unsure how best to use their central heating and hot water timers, contacted providers of grants for insulation and much more.

Brid has also run competitions with the local schools, given talks to local groups and she is even able to visit a few folk outside the Alness area.

‘The problem with rising fuel prices is high on the news agenda’ she said. ‘A lot of people can reduce their bills just by knowing more about the offers from their suppliers. I am happy to pass on things I’ve learnt over the past 6 months to anyone who will benefit.’

Visits are for everyone - house owners and tenants, young and old, unemployed and those working – and are entirely free and impartial. You can be getting your supply from the Hydro, Scottish Gas, e-on or anyone.

To read much more about WASP visit the recently launched website

www.westalnesssave.org.uk

and read what those who have been helped are saying about the service. You can get energy saving tips, advice on energy saving gadgets and where to get them. If you register for a visit before 1st August – you could win a 15” LCD TV supplied by Scottish Hydro Electric for your trouble or better still you could save money.

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Note to Editor:

- If the West Alness SAVE Project manages to reduce the community's energy use over a year Scottish Hydro Electric will also reward the group with a bonus payment of up to £10,000 to be spent in the community.

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