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# News from the Groups



AN ALNESS woman is already reaping the benefits of a local energy-efficiency drive — and it's as easy as making a cup of tea!

The West Alness SAVE (Save And Value Energy) project was established to offer advice on a range of money-saving measures local people can take around the home. Sheila Spence is the winner of the project's first newsletter draw and has bagged herself a brand new Eco-Kettle.

Energy advisor Brid McKibben, who operates from a base at the Westend Community Centre in Alness, explained, "One of the biggest wastes of energy in the home is the kettle. Although it's only used in short spurts, it takes a lot of power to boil a full kettle. The problem is how many of us put more water in the kettle than is necessary? The leftover water is left to cool then boiled again when we want another cuppa. The Eco-kettle has two reservoirs, one is storage and the other is the boiling chamber. When you want to boil up, you press a button to move the required amount of water into the boiling chamber.

"You can boil from as little as one cup up to eight cups of water at a time.

"Sheila will be seeing the benefits soon because Eco-Kettles can save over £50 a year for households. Brid is pictured, left, presenting Sheila with her prize.