

SCF Case study: Hyde church community centre

Grant allocated: £11,000 (2014)

The Church of the Holy Ascension at Hyde, near Fordingbridge has built a new community centre next to the church. The centre is designed to be in keeping with the church and as sustainable as possible.

Following professional advice on the most appropriate form of sustainable heating, an air source heat pump was installed. On average, for each 1 kWh of power that is consumed the system will provide 3.5 kWh of output heat.

LED lighting was also installed throughout the building as an additional energy saving measure. Although the cost of installation is high, the annual saving on electricity is about 60 per cent and LED bulbs are guaranteed to last for 10 years.

The centre will provide a base for the local pre-school and will be used by the church and other village organisations.

The project helps to:

- reduce carbon emissions in the National Park by installing an energy efficient heating system and LED lighting
- conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area by helping to reduce environmental impacts

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