

# Littlebury Energy Project



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Jonathan Ashe is a director of SWCE helping lead the Littlebury Energy Project, advise local residents & working closely with Government bodies in a mostly voluntary role.



Jonathan's restored Grade II Listed home (shown here) was open for tours as part of SWCE's Open Eco-homes on 16th March and he was on hand during the Village Open Day to answer any questions and give guidance on meaningful improvements locals could make to their homes.

Stripped back to its timber frame, the house was repaired & restored using breathable render, insulation, etc & a modern breathable limecrete floor installed (insulated to current standards) with underfloor heating, allowing an Air Source Heat Pump to be successfully used, keeping the house warm no matter the weather.



As an RIBA Chartered Architect specialising in Listed Buildings, Passivhaus design & Planning Law, he is helping guide the LEP through the difficulties presented by our large Conservation Area and numerous Listed properties.



In his LEP role, Jonathan offers advice to residents throughout Uttlesford on energy efficiency improvements to their homes, especially the 3000+ trickier Listed properties in UDC.



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## PULL-OUT SUPPLEMENT



### Village Open Day and Open Eco Homes

On Saturday 16th March, the Littlebury Energy Project (LEP) held an Open Day in the Village Hall. Over 100 people came from around Uttlesford and from as far away as East Sussex and Tollesbury on the Essex coast. The event allowed visitors to discuss renewable energy technologies with other villagers, to visit 3 open homes around the village, and to see exhibits and get advice from local renewables vendors. Officers from UDC were also on hand to give information on grants and funding.

Organiser Chris Dodge said “The day went really well and feedback was universally positive from both attendees and exhibitors.”

LEP member Charlotte Dunham expanded “It was good talking to people about improvements to their homes, and also with people involved in or setting up other energy saving groups in Essex. It felt like there was real momentum.”



*Heated discussion of renewables revealed by a thermal camera at the event!*

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*Thank you to all the volunteers, exhibitors and villagers who gave up their time to make the event a great success!*

*If you missed our event, a new Thaxted-based group 'Mission: No Fossil Fuel' will be holding an Eco Open Day in Thaxted Church on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 11am – 3 pm.*

Contact Littlebury Energy Project (LEP) at [contact@lep.org.uk](mailto:contact@lep.org.uk),  
01799 252501 or <https://lep.swce.co.uk/>

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## Grants and Funding Opportunities Available for Home Improvements

Check out some of these grants - if eligible it is free money, potentially £1000s, that you don't need to pay back. We can help with the process, contact details opposite.



Funding to improve the energy efficiency of your home if you are on a low income and are not connected to mains gas.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant>  
0808 196 8255



Through the scheme, you could get a grant to cover part of the cost of replacing fossil fuel heating systems with a heat pump or biomass boiler.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme>  
0330 053 2006



You may be able to get free or cheaper insulation to reduce your home's energy bills.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-great-british-insulation-scheme>  
0800 098 7950



The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) is a government energy efficiency scheme designed to tackle fuel poverty and help reduce carbon emissions.

<https://www.gov.uk/energy-company-obligation>



*Links to more details on grants featured are available at <https://lep.swce.co.uk/grants-funding/>*

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