



The Springhead Trust Dorset



Project Overview

In 2019 The Springhead Trust worked with the British Airways Carbon Fund to install a range of energy efficiency measures to help reduce costs and increase its sustainability. Based in Dorset, the Trust is a rural environmental and educational centre that aims to promote the value of rural life and natural resources. The project was delivered in collaboration with Low Carbon Dorset who were also co-funders.

Project Summary

Technologies

Secondary glazing
Insulation
LED lighting

Grant Value

£7,000

Community Benefit

£2,533 per annum

Project Details

The Springhead Trust's mission is to encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to experience and value the natural environment. It provides educational services that promote personal development and sustainable living. A key facility is a residential centre which provides accommodation for schools and young people and allows them to have an enriching experience away from their usual environments.

The residential centre was in desperate need of refurbishment. Poor insulation and lighting levels meant that the accommodation was often uncomfortable. A £7,000 grant from the British Airways Carbon Fund part-funded the installation of a number of energy efficiency measures which have greatly improved the centre's comfort levels for children and young people.

Springhead already has solar PV and a hydro scheme in place that generate much of its electricity. These energy savings measures greatly complement the on site renewable energy and enable Springhead to move further towards a zero carbon future.



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Social Impact:

Considerable reduction in energy costs which helps Springhead keep its services affordable and allows children from more disadvantaged backgrounds to visit the centre. Additional money also allows Springhead to help maintain its 15 acres of land for the benefit of wildlife and biodiversity.



"The insulation and secondary glazing have transformed the dormitory areas, which used to leak heat and feel cold and damp. We're now using much less electricity to heat these rooms, and they feel a lot more comfortable visitors who stay here. The financial savings will enable us to keep down costs, and enable more children, the local community and others to visit Springhead."

Edward Parker, Director of The Springhead Trust

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