**October 2021**

**WARMER CROWHURST**

Clean Energy Project

To All Residents

We are delighted to announce that the village has been awarded a £40,000 grant from the Rural Community Energy Fund. Thanks to this grant Crowhurst can now develop a community-wide plan to help tackle high energy bills and make our homes warmer.

We are calling the grant funded initiative ‘Warmer Crowhurst Clean Energy Project’. It will investigate how village residents can be provided with affordable, reliable, clean heat to help reduce carbon emissions in line with the village’s Net Zero targets.

The project will start on 15th October. The village energy report, which will summarise where we are and what we need to do, will be completed by 15 January 2022.

The grant was secured for us by Energise Sussex Coast, who will work with Brighton & Hove Energy Services Co-operative (BHESCo) and RINA (an international energy consultancy), along with the support of Crowhurst Parish Council. So, there are lots of aspects to this project and plenty of opportunity for each of you to get involved.

First, there will be a series of launch events, so you can find out more about the project:

* **Friday 15 October** Parish Room at the Church, weekly coffee morning

from 9.00am – 12.00 noon

* **Saturday 16 October** Village Hall (including free coffee, tea and cake)

from 1.00pm – 3.00pm

* **Sunday 17 October** Village Hall (including free sandwich lunch)

from 11.00am – 2.00pm

Secondly, every household will be invited to complete an energy questionnaire, by the end of October (and one address will receive £200, in a prize draw).

Additionally, you may have already seen some of the group carrying out some initial external surveys around the village. To further this work Warmer Crowhurst would also like 50 homes to sign up for a heat analysis of their property. This will be at no cost to you and will take 2 hours. It will provide vital information for the project about how much heat our homes need and what opportunities there are for energy efficiency and improved heating systems.

We hope to see you at one of the launch events and look forward to your participation in the Warmer Crowhurst Clean Energy Project.

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