

## Energy

# Rugby Borough Council – grants for renewable energy installations

## Overview

- Objective:** To encourage local Residents and community groups to install renewable energy equipment in Rugby Borough
- Main Partners:** **Rugby Borough Council,**
- Audience:** Residents of Rugby Borough Council
- Rationale:** Rugby Borough Councils' Local Sustainability Strategy (2002 - 2006) strives to ensure a better quality of life for now and for generations to come, without damaging the environment. The strategy contain four main objectives as follows:
- ❖ Protecting the environment and using natural resources prudently.
  - ❖ Creating a society which recognises everyone's needs.
  - ❖ Creating an economy which provides sufficient wealth and employment in a way that doesn't damage or waste resources, or impact on people's rights.
  - ❖ Encouraging people to take responsibility for creating a better future at a local and global level.

The Rugby Borough council grant scheme complements this strategy by encouraging local residents to install renewable energy sources into their homes and communities.

**Web Link:** <http://www.rugby.gov.uk>

**Further Info:** Stephen Marks, Sustainability Co-ordinator, Rugby Borough Council, Tel: 01788 533664.

## Rugby Borough Council – grants for renewable energy installations

Rugby Borough Council has introduced a very popular small grant scheme to provide assistance to people wishing to generate their own sustainable energy.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available (depending on the technology) for installations such as solar hot water systems, solar photovoltaic panels, ground source heat pumps, wood fuelled boilers and micro wind turbines.

Solar hot water has been the most popular choice for local residents.



In order to be eligible for the renewable energy grant certain energy efficient measures already need to be in place before the application stage. Such measures include: installed cavity wall insulation and low energy light bulbs. Criteria for the scheme is similar to that of the governments Low Carbon Buildings in order to allow applicants to apply to both sources of funding.