

Energy

Working with the National Energy Centre – The Energy Efficiency Accreditation Scheme

Overview

- Objective:** 1. To reduce the use of energy and in doing so become more energy efficient, gaining an award of public recognition.
- Main Partners:** **Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**, Energy Institute.
- Audience:** Warwickshire County Council Climate Change Partners
- Rationale:** The introduction of the Climate Change levy has meant that businesses and the public sector are taxed on their energy use. This added cost, along with increases in energy prices and growing pressure from stakeholders to demonstrate environmental responsibility, has led to an even greater need for organisations to be energy efficient.
- Web Link:** <http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/takingaction/eeas.htm>

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The energy efficiency accreditation scheme is the UK's only independent award recognising achievements in reducing energy use by leading organisations in industry, commerce and the public sector. The scheme not only offers public recognition, but is a national benchmark standard in energy efficiency and the process of gaining accreditation invariably identifies opportunities for energy savings to be made. On average, accreditation in itself normally enables fuel bills to be reduced by 3%.



76 organisations in Warwickshire have expressed an interest in working with The Energy Efficiency Accreditation Scheme.

- Around 6 of these are currently actively working towards accreditation.
- Three Partner Organisations are accredited:
 - o Coventry University
 - o Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
 - o University of Warwick

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council has recently regained re-accreditation by the Energy Institute under the Energy Efficiency Accreditation scheme for its outstanding work in the energy field

To regain the award the council was assessed in a number of key areas and had to clearly demonstrate improvements in all sections, these being management commitment, investment in energy efficiency and energy efficiency improvements.

Continual Improvements to energy systems have been made in the main buildings of the Council over the last few years, with sub-metering, a revised utilities procurement structure; advancement with the Corporate Asset Management Plan reflecting an increasing energy commitment strategy and the installation of a Combined Heat and Power Unit in the Town Hall, all these changes will result in a reduction in the consumption and overall spending for certain utilities.