



BOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

SOLAR POWER PROJECT

If a job's worth doing, do it yourself - The DIY Village

It has become apparent that the current Government, and the possible new Government, are steadily abandoning their commitment to Renewable Energy and sustainability, with both withdrawing their support for the previously proposed £28 billion investment in new technology. At the same time they are telling us the future lies in new technology, (so long as someone else pays for it)

So what we are seeing is large corporations investing in Solar Power projects feeding the National Grid, but taking up acres of agricultural green space and no local benefit. And yet all around us are houses and buildings with south facing roofs where solar panels can be installed, provide power without taking any more Green Space. And Village Halls are the obvious answer. New High Capacity Battery Storage has changed the game, meaning solar panels can supply up to 70% of a buildings power requirements, which reduces the notional Investment Payback Period.

Borough Green Parish Council installed solar PV panels and solar thermal panels when we built Potters Mede in 2012, alongside high specification insulation, and a lot of other renewable technology.

Those of you with sharp eyes will have noticed that over the past ten years we have had a program of steadily replacing all 86 of our Sodium and Mercury Parish Streetlights with LEDs, which use 70% less power. We will be putting these savings into a "Solar Fund" from which we can give grants to local community buildings like the Village Hall and the Bowls Club.

Apart from the benefit to us all if we do our bit to tackle Climate Change, we will also benefit as a community from a reduction in power costs which a large part of the hire costs of these buildings. We have also applied for a Green Grant from TMBC. and are assisting the others in submitting their grant applications.



WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE ALL THIS

