

Report to the MORE Renewables AGM on Community Benefit Payment 2023/24



Cat Smith MP visits Lancaster Sustainability Hub in March 2023

Thank you to everyone at MORE Renewables for your very generous investment in the Lancaster Sustainability Hub in 2023/24. We took over the rental of this empty shop unit in early 2023 and with your support have created a space that multiple agencies are using to deliver services to the public. This includes:

- Green Rose CIC offering drop-in energy advice & hands-on experience with low carbon technologies
- LESS/Food Futures North Lancashire providing support with local and sustainable food initiatives
- Charge My Street promoting electric car charging points for communities
- Relic Plastic undertaking plastic-sorting events
- Harmony with Nature CIC running monthly skill share workshops

Up until the end of February 2023 we have recorded **363** members of the public dropping in during the week, and many dozens more have attended workshops in the evenings and at weekends.

The MORE funding has been primarily spent on staff time to manage and promote the Hub, with a small element also going towards utility costs. We are very pleased to confirm that late in 2023 we secured a twoyear lease from the landlord at a very low rate, along with additional funding from grant funding from Centrica to continue staffing the Hub until late in 2025.

"The support that I received at the Hub made me feel like I have my bills more under control"

Lancaster Sustainability Hub



Worried about energy bills or staying warm this winter?

Interested in making your home more sustainable?

Want to learn about growing and sourcing sustainable food?

Come in for free, independent advice



Opening Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am to 2pm

Wednesday 2pm to 4pm (sustainable food session)



How to Find Us

Lancaster Sustainability Hub, Unit 6 Marketgate, 11 Sir Simons Arcade, Lancaster, LA1 1AX.

You can find us in the pedestrian area between Everard's Way and Sir Simon's Arcade, next to the stairs to the Marketgate car park.

The What3Words address is boost.twig.rams.

www.greenrose.org.uk

