



Newsletter No 3 September

2021 Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As you may have heard we are delighted to announce that the village has been given a grant of £40,000 by the Rural Community Energy Fund to assess the potential of a community heating scheme for the benefit of everyone in the village. Your support has been critical in getting us to this stage and, as we have said previously, **your expression of interest does not lead to any other obligation or commitment.**

With your support, we believe the objectives of such a scheme could be to –

- Provide the **same temperature of hot water and central heating** as your existing oil or gas boiler **at less cost**
- Provide **a sustainable and reliable supply** of renewable heat energy for decades to come • Help to **cut the carbon footprint of the village** contributing towards the UK's 2050 Carbon Neutral goals
- Help to **reduce or remove fuel poverty** for those who struggle financially

We will be working with **Avieco** (an international sustainable energy consultancy) who will be assessing the potential viability of a village scheme. A key requirement of a successful scheme will be to **meet every individual household's specific heating and hot water needs** so your individual help with Avieco and HUH will be critical in achieving this. We have several important suggestions / requests –

- We will be organising an Autumn trip to North Aston to see their community heating scheme and to meet residents. This will be an important visit for anyone who has any doubts about whether this type of scheme can provide their heating and hot water needs
- Your completion of a simple property survey will be vital in helping Avieco assess your individual and our collective requirements. **Avieco will be contacting you directly to do this. If you have any doubts or concerns about this, please email Chris Coe at – chris.coe4@btinternet.com – by Friday 17th September** or speak to any of us
- We will be holding a village meeting in late Autumn with Avieco and the HUH team (probably accompanied by some beer and wine) to talk about our thoughts / concerns / answer your questions etc

If you want to find out more, or remind yourself about the other two newsletters then please visit our website - <https://tinyurl.com/sf66s9f9>

We hope you will continue to support this project and, as ever, don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

Thank you. Derek, Chris, Charlie, Andy