



CLUBHOUSE ENERGY TIPS



INTRODUCTION

Your clubhouse is often one of the biggest sources of energy use within your Club. Heating, lighting and equipment can all contribute significantly to energy costs, particularly during the winter months or periods of high use.

The good news is that many Clubs can achieve quick and meaningful energy savings through simple, low-cost actions. By combining small behaviour changes with targeted improvements to your building and facilities, your Club can reduce energy use, lower bills, and create a more comfortable environment for players, volunteers and visitors.

This resource outlines practical steps your Club can take as part of the Together Greener programme.

This guide will support your Club to:

- Identify quick and low-cost energy saving opportunities.
- Improve how energy is used and managed in your clubhouse.
- Reduce heating and electricity costs.
- Improve comfort for clubhouse users.
- Support your Energy Green Goal and wider sustainability efforts.





KEY FOCUS AREAS

Improving energy use in your clubhouse can feel like a big task, but focusing on a few key areas can help make it more manageable and effective.

This guide highlights three priority areas where Clubs can take practical action and see meaningful results: energy efficient behaviour, insulation and building efficiency, and lighting.

1. Energy Efficient Behaviour.
2. Insulation and Building Efficiency.
3. Lighting Efficiency.

These areas have been selected because they offer a strong balance of quick wins, low-cost actions and longer-term improvements that can reduce energy use, lower costs and improve comfort for everyone using your facilities.

This is not an exhaustive list. Every Club is different, and there may be other opportunities specific to your buildings, activities and resources.

Use these focus areas as a starting point, and build on them over time as part of your wider Together Greener journey.





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1. Energy Efficient Behaviour

Simple changes in how your Club uses energy can deliver immediate savings without any upfront cost.

Actions your Club can take:

- Establish a baseline of your energy use to understand when and where energy is being used.
- Identify your main energy users, such as heating, lighting and hot water.
- Carry out regular checks to ensure lights, heating and equipment are not left on unnecessarily.
- Reduce heating temperatures slightly, even a 1°C reduction can significantly lower energy use.
- Avoid heating spaces when doors or windows are open.
- Schedule heating and hot water to match actual usage times.
- Turn off non-essential systems when the clubhouse is not in use, especially during holidays.
- Regularly service boilers and equipment to maintain efficiency.
- Encourage all users of the clubhouse to follow energy-saving practices.

Tip:

Assign responsibility to a member of your Together Greener Team to carry out regular energy checks.





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2. Insulation and Building Efficiency

Improving your clubhouse building can reduce heat loss, lower energy bills, and make the space more comfortable year-round.

Actions your Club can take:

- Check and seal draughts around doors and windows.
- Insulate roof or attic spaces to prevent heat loss.
- Consider wall and floor insulation where feasible.
- Insulate hot water tanks and pipes to reduce heat loss and prevent freezing.
- Upgrade to double or triple glazing where possible.

A well-insulated clubhouse not only saves energy but can also make future upgrades, such as low-carbon heating systems, more effective.

3. Lighting Efficiency

Lighting can account for a significant portion of your clubhouse's electricity use, but it is also one of the easiest areas to improve.

Actions your Club can take:

- Turn off lights when rooms are not in use.
- Use natural daylight wherever possible.
- Clean light fittings regularly to maintain brightness.
- Replace old bulbs with LED alternatives.
- Consider upgrading all lighting to LED for maximum efficiency.
- Install timers or motion sensors in areas such as toilets, corridors and storage spaces.
- Use signage to remind users to switch off lights.
- Ensure external lighting is only used when needed.
- Use timers or sensors to reduce unnecessary use.





CLUBHOUSE EFFICIENCY CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to get started:

CHECKLIST QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
We understand how energy is used in our clubhouse.	Yes ☐ No ☐	
We have identified our main energy users.	Yes ☐ No ☐	
We regularly check for wasted energy.	Yes ☐ No ☐	
We have taken steps to reduce heating and lighting use.	Yes ☐ No ☐	
We have explored insulation improvements.	Yes ☐ No ☐	
We are using or planning to use LED lighting.	Yes ☐ No ☐	
We are engaging clubhouse users in energy-saving behaviours.	Yes ☐ No ☐	



FURTHER SUPPORT

Improving energy efficiency in your clubhouse is one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce costs and environmental impact.

By taking small, practical steps and building good habits across your Club, you can create a more comfortable space for your community while making meaningful progress on your Together Greener journey.

Start with quick wins, build momentum over time and use your Energy Action Plan to track and develop your progress.

Improving clubhouse energy efficiency can support Green Goals such as:

- Reduce overall clubhouse energy use.
- Improve the energy efficiency of Club facilities.
- Reduce carbon emissions from buildings.

These actions can be recorded within your Energy Action Plan and linked to your wider Together Greener objectives.

Further information on energy can be found at www.faw.cymru/TogetherGreener-energy

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