

Update on the Future Energy Landscapes (FEL) project: exploring community-owned renewable energy

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Summary

Wiltshire Council is supporting communities to consider owning and benefitting from renewable energy generation in their local area through the Future Energy Landscapes (FEL) project.

This briefing note provides an update on the project in Summer 2026.

There are a number of updates in FEL areas which we would like elected members to be aware of and to help promote to constituents, encouraging participation so that residents' voices can be heard.

Background

The Future Energy Landscapes project explores how Wiltshire can meet future energy needs in a sustainable, locally appropriate, and community-led way; enabling communities to help shape the way energy is produced and used in their area.

The project is 100% funded by Ofgem's Redress fund, led by Centre for Sustainable Energy, in partnership with Wiltshire Council at no cost and community energy groups in Wiltshire.

[Briefing note number 26-01](#) provided background on the FEL project and a call for elected members to help disseminate information in their local areas.

Key updates

The project is progressing well, and updates can be viewed on the [FEL project website](#).

Surveys are currently live in four areas, so assistance would be appreciated to encourage people who live or have an interest in these areas to take part. It is an opportunity to share thoughts about community-owned renewable energy projects.

In all areas it is important to note that no decisions have been taken at this stage to develop specific renewable energy installations. This project helps the community to explore their options and gain a better understanding of the local benefits that could arise.

- [Corsham and surrounding areas](#): the project is completed, and a community group is exploring next steps for community-led energy in the area.
- [Staverton, Hilperton, Semington and Great Hinton](#): survey open until 9 August 2026.
- [Pewsey and Manningford](#): engagement is now complete and final report will be published in July 2026.
- [Tisbury, Fonthill Gifford and Hindon](#): survey open until 26 July 2026.
- [Westbury and surrounding areas](#): survey open until 23 September 2026.
- [Winsley, Holt, Bradford-on-Avon and South Wraxall](#): survey open until 19 July 2026.

We would welcome elected member support by:

- **Encouraging participation in surveys and attendance at workshops**

Promote the surveys locally and encourage residents, businesses, and community groups to attend the workshops and contribute their views.

Please share any relevant press releases and social media content through your networks, newsletters, and social channels.

- **Participating in surveys and workshops**

Attending and demonstrating community support, helping local voices to be heard.

- **Providing feedback**

Please let the Climate Team know of any ideas of how best to engage the community in the local area, e.g. existing groups, events or communication channels that could be used.

Learn more

- [Home | Future Energy Landscapes](#) – Centre for Sustainable Energy project page – where you can find project updates at any time.
- [Wiltshire Council – Renewable Energy](#)
- [Project Announcement press release](#), published June 2025
- [South West Net Zero Hub video](#) (five mins) explaining community energy and the benefits that can be realised through the income generated from it.

If you have any questions, please contact climate@wiltshire.gov.uk

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