

Go green with woodfuel!



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Using a wood burning stove makes a home feel cosy. It should make you feel good too – because by being a smart and following some simple hints and tips it can also help tackle climate change.

CCDT have been awarded a grant from the Scottish Government's Community Climate Asset Fund, for woodfuel processing tools and equipment to help the to reduce local carbon emissions by setting up a local woodfuel supply at Gillies Hill Community Woodland.

Most of us in Cambusbarron have gas central heating. The emissions from these heating systems make up about a fifth of the country's contribution to climate change. There are some simple ways to make use of your woodburning stove to reduce the amount of gas you need to keep your home and family warm. As well as reducing your bills, it'll also help save the planet!

- **Buy local!** Burning wood is considered almost carbon neutral as the amount of carbon released into the atmosphere when the wood is burned is the same as the carbon absorbed by the tree whilst it was growing. We say 'almost' as transporting logs can use a lot of fuel. Getting logs from your doorstep you can minimise this fuel use.
- **Only burn dry wood!** Wet wood gives off less heat and creates local air pollution. Either buy wood that has been seasoned or make sure you have a place to store and season wood at home. It can take up to 12 months for wood to naturally dry to the recommended less than 20% moisture content. Moisture meters are inexpensive and can help you check you're burning dry wood.
- **Use a thermostat!** A thermostat turns the central heating off its warm enough. When your stove is roaring away it'll add to the warmth so your thermostat will stop you overheating. A thermostat is normally placed in a hallway and should be set to 18-21C.
- **Delay** turning the central heating on in autumn/turn it off earlier in the spring! Do you turn the central heating back on in September on the first chilly day? Using your woodburning stove in the evening for those odd chilly nights in autumn and spring can mean your central heating is on for less of the year.

Whether you're using your stove or not there are lots of ways you can keep your home warm and reduce bills.

- **Use a timer for your central heating!** This is a must if you've a stove or not. A timer lets you make sure the heating is only on when you need it.
- **Draught proof!** Draughts make a room feel colder that it really is. Check windows, doors and behind kitchen sinks for draughts.
- Call Home Energy Scotland and visit www.homeenergyscotland.org for advice on keeping warm, reducing bills and going greener 0808 808 2282

The CCAF is Scottish Government fund, administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, and 279 community-based organisations from across Scotland have been awarded more than £3.2 million of funding to tackle climate change.

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