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Quaker Renewable Energy Scheme (QRES)

Background

In 2011, as Quakers we committed to becoming a low-carbon, sustainable community. Our commitment to sustainability and climate justice means we have divested from use of and profit from fossil fuels and actively source our energy from renewable generation.

Today, together with Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall we have over 120 Meeting Houses that have switched their energy supply to a clean green tariff with Good Energy, with a combined electricity consumption of 2.5 GWh per year (data from 2018).

To date we have together saved 1154 tonnes of CO₂ which equates to taking over 830* cars off the road.

For some time, we have been talking with Good Energy (GE) about creating a Quaker-led Energy Scheme and to offer preferential terms and prices for renewable energy from their local generation network which supports local cooperatives and generators across Britain. Our aim is to make it easier for you to choose a renewable supplier and make a cleaner greener future together.

Quaker Renewable Energy Scheme (QRES)

Renewable energy often comes at a premium and so the QRES aims to make 100% renewable electricity more financially accessible to the all of the Quaker community. Through our collaboration with GE, we have been able to negotiate better terms for everyone in the Quaker community and hence **reduce the cost** of that energy.

The new offer which will see GE waive all standing charges to existing Quaker customers on small meter business accounts, which collectively will see £20,000 saving to the group within the first year.

We have also been able to negotiate many more additional benefits to help you reduce your consumption and your carbon footprint to make sure that your energy is used as efficiently as possible.

We hope this new scheme will encourage other meetings who are not using renewable energy or those with other energy suppliers to join QRES and enjoy these benefits.



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The benefits:

- **Preferential pricing** – Good Energy will waive all standing charges to all Quaker businesses or meeting houses generally with an annual spend of £15,000 or less when you sign up to a 12-month fixed rate contract.
- **You only 'pay for what you use'**.
 - Existing Quaker meeting house or business who are Good Energy customers and on a **flexible tariff** can move over to the new scheme immediately.
 - Existing Quaker meeting houses or business who are Good Energy customers and on a **fixed rate tariff** can move over to the new scheme on their renewal date.
 - For all **new Quaker meeting houses and businesses**, generally with a spend of £15,000 or less, you can sign up immediately.
 - Very **large-scale Quaker Business or Meeting Houses** (over £15,000 and on half hourly metres) will receive a bespoke quotation and offered preferential rate.
- **12- or 24-month fixed term** contracts will be available
- **An assessment survey** will be available to ensure your meter and connection situation is optimised for your needs. Good Energy will look at your connection and metering to ensure that you know about any actions that could improve your circumstances. They'll keep you up to date with changes that might affect you – such as legislation - helping you to be confident that you're taking the right actions
- **Dedicated account manager** - You'll have a direct line to your account manager to talk about your account. They provide award winning customer care from an experienced team based in Wiltshire.
- **Desktop surveys and Energy audits**– You're probably taking significant steps toward improving the fabric of your building and operations already, but if Good Energy can add their knowledge and experience, they'd be delighted. They have a broad network of partners across all areas of building and operational performance that they can call upon to help you.
- **Behavioural change advice** - Simply by changing the behaviour of your community or systems, you can reduce the amount of energy you consume or the cost of that electricity. Every situation is different and Good Energy will be there to help and point you in the right direction and are planning to run regional events for existing and new customers to promote the QRES.
- **Display certificates and marketing collateral** - promoting your commitment to sustainability



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- **Advice on renewable generation or storage** - Good Energy have been helping people get generating for nearly twenty years, so they've got a wealth of experience and a network of partners that can help you understand the potential your estate might have to generate your own electricity or even use storage to become more cost effective. They have EV Charging point bundles available.

Why Good Energy

Founded 20 years ago they have led the way in renewable energy development since 1999 in areas including wind turbines, solar panels, biogen and hydro and now in technologies like EV and battery storage. Their mission and purpose is to make clean energy the natural choice for all.

Good Energy sources 100% of its electricity from eight of its own sites (wind & solar generation assets) and sources the rest directly from a community of over 1500 independent renewable generators across the UK. They do not import renewable fuels and are fully transparent about its renewable energy sourcing.

They offer competitive prices for renewable energy, as well as offered support over the last few years to those Friends meeting houses wanting to make the switch. Good Energy support the renewable import & export supply needs to over 250,000 domestic and business customers such as Eden project, Blenheim Palace and of course 'Friend's House' on Euston Road.

Next steps

We want to make it as easy as possible for you, so contact Good Energy on the email address below or sales telephone **line 0800 254 0003** and quote '**Quakers Energy Scheme**'.

SME@goodenergy.co.uk and tell them if you are an existing or new customer.

- All existing GE business customers who are on Standard Variable Tariff can switch from July 2019 to receive the new tariff that waives all standing charges.
- All those existing on Fixed Rate can access these on their renewal date so please make sure you contact GE before the date.
- All new Quaker businesses and organisations should contact QE to receive quote.

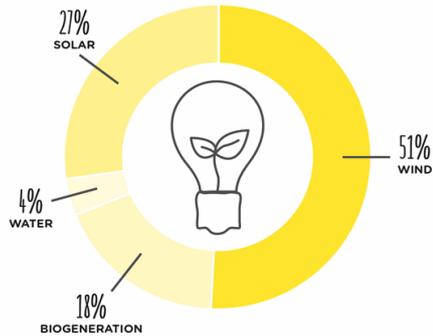
We believe this proposal will help us further live out our testimony to sustainability by making buying renewable energy more accessible and affordable, which hopefully will inspire and encourage others within our community to switch to locally generated renewable energy.



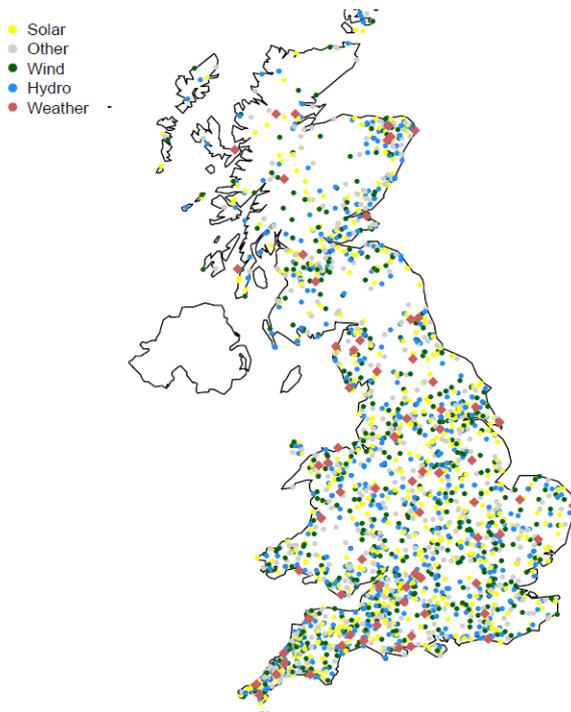
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Fun Facts About Good Energy:

- Good Energy are one of the three biggest providers of Feed in Tariff payments in the UK That's almost **20%** of all UK domestic generation or 140,000 homes.
- They have a diverse fuel mix to ensure they always have enough renewable power due to fluctuating weather and seasonal change.



- Their wide coverage of 1400 UK generators means it's likely you have one located nearby to your Meeting House



*Average distance each car travels per year in the UK = 7,134 miles ([source: DefT](#)) or 11476 km
Average emissions per KM from UK cars = 121g ([source: SMMT](#))
Average car emissions per year = 1,388,596 grams of carbon or 1.389 tonnes
1154 tonnes of carbon / 1.39 = **831 cars off the road.**