



**Energy Local**  
Bridport

## Power your home with local energy

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### What is Energy Local Bridport?

Energy Local Bridport is a community project that, by helping you match your electricity use with power from locally generated wind energy, will enable you to take control of your electricity bills while supporting local renewable energy.

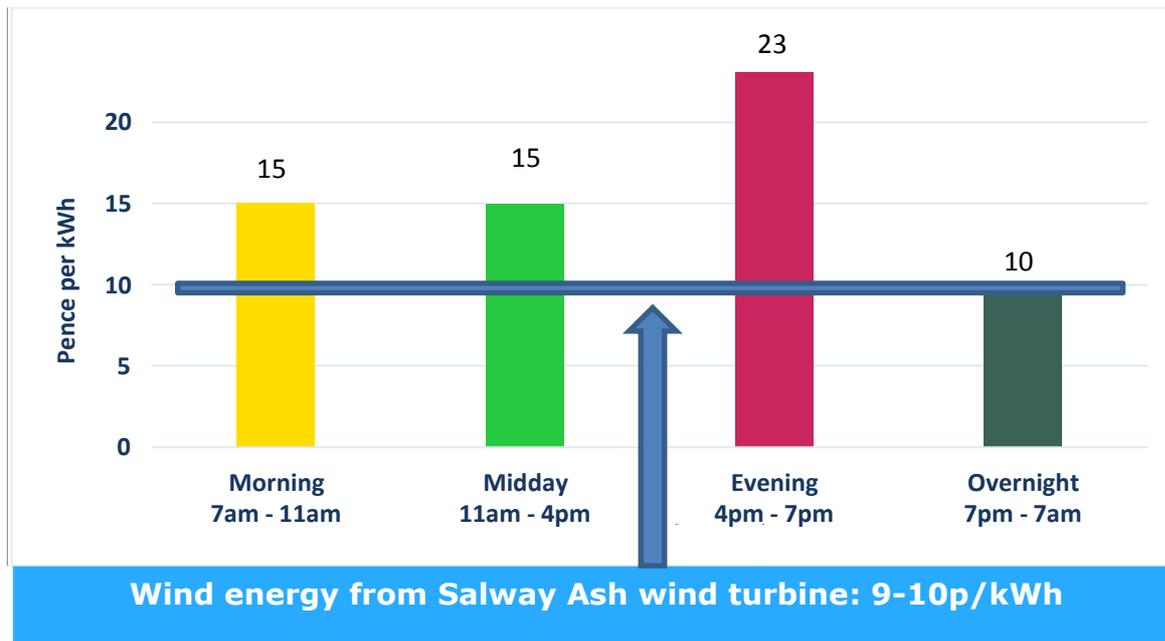
### How does it work?

When you sign up for this project, you become part of your local Energy Club. The Club is made up of members of your community, plus local generators. As a member, you'll have a free smart meter fitted in your home that will record when you're using electricity - as well as how much - helping you buy power in a better way.

If members of the club use power when the wind turbine at Salwayash is generating, the generator receives around 9-10p/kWh for the energy. The energy the local generator produces will be shared evenly between all the homes using electricity at that time and each home will pay around 9-10p/kWh (as agreed by the club) for their share. That's less than the price of normal electricity supply in Britain, but more than the generator would usually receive for selling power – so everyone wins!

Any extra power required by households will be provided by Octopus Energy. The price for this extra electricity depends on the time of day when electricity is used (known as a 'time of use tariff' or TOUT). The day is split into four. You pay more for extra electricity at busy times (tea time and early evening) and less when it's quieter. Time of use tariffs help to balance supply and demand on the electricity grid and the associated savings can be passed to householders (e.g. cheap electricity at night).

## Energy Local Bridport electricity prices from Octopus Energy



This is the Time of Use Tariff (TOU) currently offered to Energy Local Bridport by Octopus Energy. The final exact prices may be slightly different and will be confirmed to everyone who has expressed interest before the time of switching to Energy Local Bridport. You will be able to review the final tariff before deciding to switch.

Your smart meter will collect info about your energy use, which you'll be able to view online. As well as this, you'll receive customised energy reports, advice and support to help you shift your electricity use to take advantage of the best prices.

To make the most of being part of the Energy Local Club, you'll need to shift your electricity use:

- to when the wind turbine is producing (which you'll be able to check on the energy dashboard on a smartphone or tablet)
- away from tea time and early evening peak prices

Each household will be different, but we estimate you'll be able to save between 10% - 20% on your electricity bill. There is a small membership fee for the club, around £4 per year.

### How will the community benefit?

Through Energy Local Bridport the local generator will get a better price for their power. When you pay for local electricity, this money goes to the local generator. Savings on your bills will leave you that bit extra to spend locally.

## Be part of Energy Local Bridport

We're looking for around 50 - 60 households to be part of the club. For more information contact: **alison@dorsetcommunityenergy.org.uk**

If you think you would like to participate, please register your interest by

- Visiting the website **energylocal.org.uk** (note: NOT energylocal.co.uk)
- Looking for 'Bridport' in the list of Clubs and follow the link to the Bridport Club page
- Click the green 'I am interested' button and fill in the online form with your details

***There is no obligation at this stage.*** We will contact you with further details as they are confirmed and you will be able to review the final tariff before deciding to switch.



The first phase of Energy Local Bridport will be to supply 50-60 households with electricity from the 50kW wind turbine at Ash Lane, Salway Ash. The projected cost of this local renewable electricity is 9p-10p/kWh (compared to usual grid electricity costs of 15p- 16p/ kWh).

Members will be accepted on a first-come-first-served principle, based on the date of the expression of interest.

If demand for club membership is high, Dorset Community Energy would like to add 200kW of solar panels to supply additional renewable electricity to Energy Local Bridport Club members at 9p-10p/ kWh

The development costs of Energy Local Bridport have been supported by a grant from the Power to Change Bright Ideas Fund.

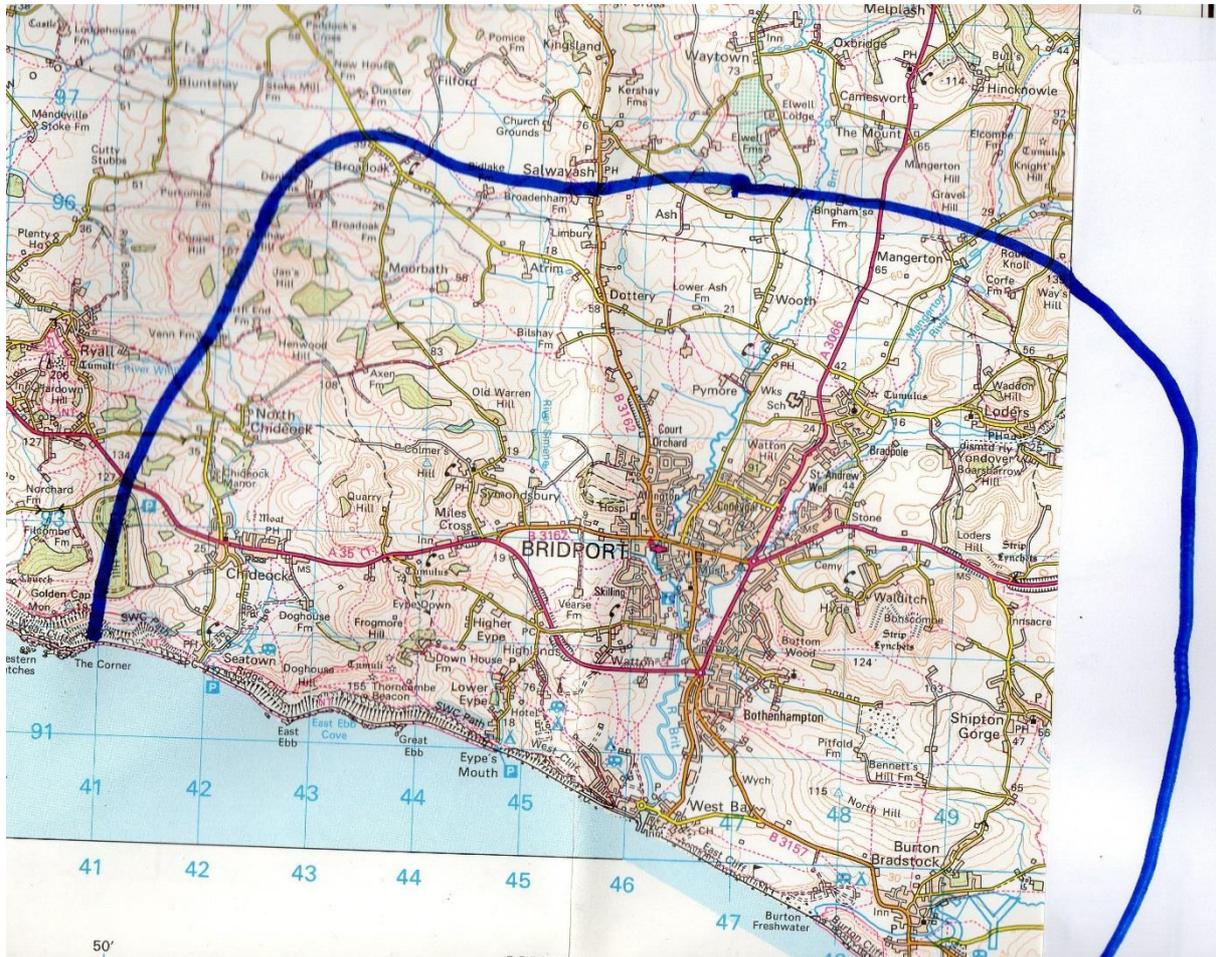


## About Energy Local

Energy Local is a Community Interest Company that aims to transform the electricity market for communities and small scale renewable generators. Their first Energy Local Club, a hydro scheme in Bethesda, Wales, won the prestigious Ashden Award for Energy Market Disruptors in 2018. They are now looking to expand Energy Local Clubs across the UK.

For further information, please visit **energylocal.co.uk**.

## Eligible area for Energy Local Bridport



If you live close to the boundary and are interested in joining Energy Local Bridport we advise registering an interest via [www.energylocal.org.uk](http://www.energylocal.org.uk) (scroll down to Bridport and click, then scroll to the bottom and click 'I am interested'). There is no obligation and our Project Coordinator, Alison Jay, will get back to you to confirm if you are in the eligible area or not. For anyone interested there is no obligation in completing an expression of interest.

If you have completed an expression of interest and live in the eligible area you will be contacted again (probably in late February/ early March) and asked if you would like to join the Energy Local Bridport Club, which will be set up as a co-operative. If you want to join you click a button on the website to initiate transferring your current electricity supplier to Octopus Energy. Also Energy Local Bridport Club members have the legal right at any time to leave the Club and switch supplier from Octopus Energy back to your original electricity supplier or a new one. No costs are involved in switching.