

## New Support Service for the Ballynagran Energy Plus+ Community



We now provide a support service for enquiries about issues effecting residents in the Ballynagran Energy Plus+ Community, including assistance with applications for any future Small Grants Scheme.

The 'go to' man is **Declan O'Flaherty** a founding member of Ballynagran Energy Plus+ Community Project who is on the main committee and lives in Ballymerrigan.  
**Declan can be contacted on Mobile: 087 263 7226 or at email: [newglendecan@yahoo.ie](mailto:newglendecan@yahoo.ie)**

## Reduce your household energy costs – with Electricity Monitors

### Monitor – Reduce -- Save

As part of our campaign for energy efficiency and sustainability we will shortly be offering Electricity Monitors to households in the area. This links to our previous energy survey project and will allow householders to monitor and better manage their electricity costs.

**Funding has been approved for 150 electricity monitors under the Environmental Community Projects and Works Scheme linked to the Landfill Facility.**



### Two types of monitors are being provided:

1. Efergy Engage Elite Hub Kit for those households with an internet connection
2. Efergy Elite Classic Monitor for those without an internet connection.

This initiative seeks to reduce electricity and household electricity bills within the community. We are setting out to achieve the following objectives from this project. For additional information go to <http://www.efergy.eu/index.php/eu/products-1/energy-gateways.html>

**To get your energy monitor please email your expression of interest with your name & address and advising whether you have an internet connection or not to: [newglendecan@yahoo.ie](mailto:newglendecan@yahoo.ie) or phone Declan O'Flaherty on 087 2637 226, advising whether you have an internet connection or not.**

A limited numbers of units will be available for the Ballynagran Energy Plus+ area, so it is advisable to show your expression of interest early. Preference in the allocation will be given to those households in the small grants scheme area. **Support and guidance will be provided to houses that are allocated the monitors.**

### Conditions:

A small donation of €5 will apply to cover the cost of batteries and the distribution of the units. We will ask households who receive the units to provide summary electricity usage figures to allow Ballynagran Energy Plus+ to compile a profile of electricity usage and savings at a community level. All data collected will be treated as confidential and subject to the data protection act. We will ask households who no longer require the units to return them for re-allocation to other households who would like to use them.

## Volunteers required for Community Wind Turbine Project in Ballynagran!



Our Energy Subcommittee is currently looking for a volunteer to get involved in the Ballynagran Community Wind Turbine Project. The project includes the selection of a preferred site, preparation of a feasibility study including business plan and negotiations with land owners.

Funding has been allocated for this initial phase and it is the intention of the Energy Subcommittee to engage professional consultants to carry out this work. The role of the volunteers would be to support this project and to work closely with the local community, other stakeholders, appointed consultants and the Ballynagran Energy Plus+ committee.

This is an exciting opportunity for Ballynagran, which will secure long term benefits for the entire community long after the landfill has closed. **If you are interested in getting involved please contact [hlaire@eircom.net](mailto:hlaire@eircom.net)**

## Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme

Are you aware that this scheme is available in our area provided you meet certain criteria? For further information you can contact Declan O'Flaherty on Mobile: 087 263 7226 or at email: [newglendecan@yahoo.ie](mailto:newglendecan@yahoo.ie).

### Wicklow Better Energy Warmer Homes

Free home insulation scheme

**Bray Community Enterprise Warmer Homes**

**BRAY COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE**

42 Southern Cross Business Park  
Boghall Road  
Bray, Co. Wicklow

Phone:  
01-286 6080

Email:  
[info@braycommunityenterprise.ie](mailto:info@braycommunityenterprise.ie)

Our Better Energy Warmer Homes scheme provides **free** insulation for eligible people living in Bray and Co Wicklow, making their homes more comfortable, healthier and more cost effective.

This scheme is available to homes that meet the following criteria:

- Owner occupied
- Constructed before 2002
- The owner is in receipt of **one** of the following:
  - ⇒ Fuel Allowance as part of the National Fuel Scheme
  - ⇒ Job Seekers Allowance for over six months and with a child under seven years of age
  - ⇒ Family Income Supplement



**To find out more please phone 01 286 6080 or see [www.brayareapartnership.ie](http://www.brayareapartnership.ie)**

Services available include

- Attic insulation
- Cavity Wall Insulation
- Draught proofing
- Energy Advice
- Lagging jackets
- CFL bulbs

This project is supported by :

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland,  
Department of Social Protection  
Bray Area Partnership

## Are you affected by odour from the Landfill Facility?

A number of people have been complaining recently about odour from the landfill facility. If you are affected by the odour you can do the following:

1. Make a note of the date and time and location you experienced the odour.
2. Phone or write a letter to the Landfill Management and the EPA and report the problem. Your complaint will be recorded and logged on the contact number below.

### Phone numbers for complaints:

Robert Kirwan – Deputy Facility Manager - 0404 25440

EPA – 053 916 0600 local – 1890 33 55 99

Thomas Fingleton – Landfill Manager - 0404 25440

### Addresses for Letters:

Greenstar South East Limited  
Ballynagran Landfill Facility  
Ballynagran  
Wicklow Town

EPA  
Office of Environmental Enforcement  
PO Box 3000  
Johnstown Castle Estate Co. Wexford

## The Energy Show 2013



This is being held at the RDS Dublin on April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Organised by SEAI it is the flagship event for professionals in the energy sector with a world of smart energy solutions. If you are interested in home efficiency we recommend you attend.

Leading suppliers of sustainable energy products and services from Ireland and Europe will be participating. For further information go to: [www.seai.ie](http://www.seai.ie)

## Energy Sustainability tip of the month

**Now is the time to replace your GU10 light bulbs with low energy LED bulbs.**

We are introducing a new section in our Newsletters. If you have an experience to share on an energy sustainability or saver measure which worked well for you please share the experience with us and we will pass it on; so that others can experience similar benefits. **Please send your submission to: [newglendecan@yahoo.ie](mailto:newglendecan@yahoo.ie)**

*"We have a light fitting in the kitchen that is on for a lot of the day. It had four GU10 bulbs. Two of these bulbs were 35 watts and two are 50 watts for a total of 170 watts. About 3 years ago I tried to make a more efficient change but the bulbs I used at the time were not bright enough and had a cold blue light and I changed back. However, when one of the bulbs went faulty recently I thought it was time to try again. I bought four GU10 LED Greenlamp Warm White bulbs rated at 3 watts each in ND Electrical in Rathnew. If anything these bulbs were brighter than the bulbs I had been using and they really give off a nice warm light. We are very pleased with the difference and have reduced the power usage from 170 watts to a mere 12 watts and the bulbs should last significantly longer."* Submitted by Hubert Laird