

Broughton Community Energy September 2026 Update

Dear neighbours,

There's plenty to share this September: a new site identified for our solar and battery proposal, community EV chargers opening in October, and more home energy stories from your neighbours. Here's how these developments support our aims for Broughton, and how you can get involved.

Our Objectives

Broughton Community Energy exists to:

- Reduce CO₂ emissions from our village
- Improve our energy security and resilience
- Lower our energy costs
- Help tackle fuel poverty in our community

Our Strategy

Our strategy brings together several building blocks, centred on generating our own clean, sustainable electricity and offering a low-cost community electricity tariff.



Project Updates

Here's the latest progress on three of these building blocks:

A new site for our solar and battery proposal

Earlier this year, the Steering Group made an important decision to remove the wind turbine from the proposal because of significant planning consent risks. Since then, we've been

looking for an alternative site closer to the Houghton electricity substation to reduce the grid connection costs.

We're excited to report that we have identified an alternative site at Manor Farm for a 7.2 MWp solar PV and battery storage scheme. This site is significantly closer to Houghton electricity substation, offering an opportunity to reduce grid connection costs.

Explore the revised proposal in the accompanying document and let us know what you think.

We're now inviting everyone in our community to share their views on the proposal.

Join us at a drop-in session in the Village Hall Community Room on Saturday 3 October from 9 am – 1 pm. Come along to explore the proposal, meet members of the Steering Group and ask your questions. We'd love to hear your views.

Look out for a short questionnaire in your inbox and help shape the next steps. Paper copies of the proposal and questionnaire will also be available at the Village Shop from next weekend.

The proposal and questionnaire can also be found on our website:

www.broughtoncommunityenergy.org/documentlibrary.html

Your views matter: this is your project, and we will only move on to seeking planning consent if there is significant community support for the scheme.

Community EV charging arrives in October

Thanks to grants totalling £26k from SSEN and TVBC, three 22kW electric vehicle chargers will be available in School Lane car park from 16 October.

One of the chargers is dedicated to the new electric Broughton & Mottisfont Village Bus being delivered at the same time. The remaining two chargers are for community use, offering a highly competitive tariff of 45p/kWh, which compares favourably against 66p currently at the village hall, or 79p at Waitrose, Romsey.

This not-for-profit community facility is owned by Broughton Parish Council and operated by Broughton Community Energy.

We'll celebrate the opening on 16 October with our MP Caroline Nokes, representatives from TVBC, SSEN, Broughton Parish Council, the Village Bus Committee, and BCE.

Thinking about an EV for your next car? These local chargers could make the switch easier, especially if you can't install a charger at home. They'll also be handy when visitors need to charge their vehicles.

Home energy ideas from your neighbours

Village residents are already taking significant steps to improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of their homes. We've continued meeting them to hear about their experiences, and more case studies are now available on our website.

www.broughtoncommunityenergy.org/case-studies

Take a look for ideas you could explore in your own home. If you'd like to know more about a case study, we'll be happy to put you in touch with the neighbour who shared it.

There's plenty to look forward to this autumn. We hope to see you at the drop-in on 3 October and hear your ideas for the next stage of the project.

Thank you for your continued interest and support, and for helping shape Broughton's energy future.

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Get involved

This is your project, and we'd love you to be part of it. Whether you have an idea, a question or time to help, please get in touch.

Email us: info@broughtoncommunityenergy.org

Join over 100 neighbours in our growing WhatsApp group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CjfCzCFLF2HD3FZrpfF9zA>

Website: www.broughtoncommunityenergy.org