



Halesworth ASH

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Energy Group meeting in Halesworth

On the 27th of January, the energy subcommittee, chaired by Chris Hart, held a packed public meeting in the Co-op Community room to discuss the value of insulating houses against heat loss.

This is the first of 12 monthly public meetings to be held by Halesworth ASH in 2024.

To start with, Chris showed pictures taken on a survey of local homes using a thermal imaging camera loaned by Suffolk Climate Change Partnership. These featured both exterior shots, where bright colours indicated heat leaking from buildings, and interiors where dark colours showed cold penetrating a room. These mostly confirmed the owners' experience, while identifying leaks more precisely. Curing these leaks by insulation can considerably reduce the cost of heating a building, and its effect on the climate crisis.

For those who could not insulate from their own resources County Counsellor Annette Dunning indicated that the Suffolk Warm Homes grant scheme covers insulation.

A volunteer group in Wantage called Draught Busters solve draught issues in owned or rented properties for an average of £25 per property. Sustainable Wantage are keen to share their templates and resources, to encourage other groups to introduce the project in their communities. Chris thought a similar organisation might be set up in Halesworth.

The thermal imaging camera would be available again in March for a month when it would be used, primarily for the benefit of those in fuel poverty or in rented properties.

Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) were also discussed. Four people were actively considering installing an ASHP. For more information see **halesworthash.com**

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