

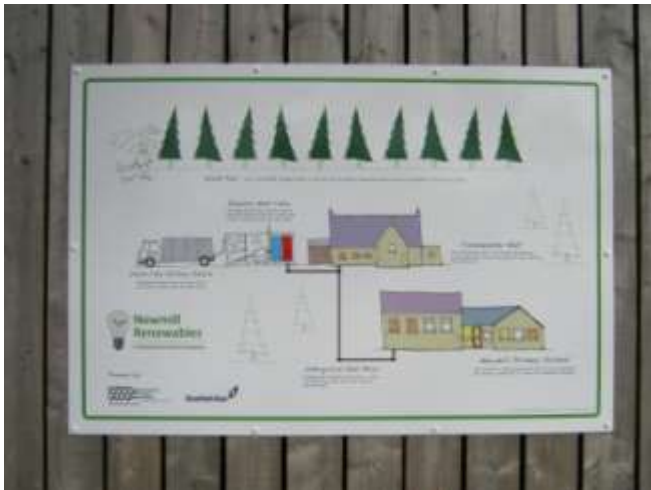


Newmill Boiler Project Update

The boiler has been running for three winters now and the project is slowly moving to a position where it can cover its running costs and increase its efficiency.

New Signage on the Cabin

A new sign has been installed on the cabin which explains how the system works and recognises the funding partners of the project.



New Sign on the Cabin

Apart from the practical purpose of providing heat, the project aims to promote renewable energy and be used as a test case to see what technology works. Providing information on the project is therefore an important aspect and the signage is an example of this.



The boiler located next to the Hall

Secure Funding

Over the last year the project has started receiving funding for the project from the governments Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). This is equivalent to a feed-in-tariff where operators receive a payment towards the expense of running a biomass boiler. Originally this was for businesses and community projects but this is now being extended to domestic homes. For more details on this funding see www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland and search for RHI.

Last year the project signed a contract with the Moray Council to supply heat to the Newmill Primary School. This should be also help the project pay for itself

Newmill on the Web

Newmill Renewables has launched a new website: www.newmillrenewables.co.uk

The website is to promote the project, the Newmill area and renewable power. It will allow technical details of the project to be available to everyone, photos to be stored here and



news about Newmill Renewables and Newmill in general to be advertised. The website will start off small but if there is enough interest it will be built up to include community news and more background details of the project.

There is also a Newmill Renewables facebook page. This can be accessed from the homepage of the website or via facebook. The facebook page will be used to advertise any new

material on the website and to publicise any renewable energy or local community facebook postings. Volunteers to keep the website updated are always welcome.

Solar Power is the Next Step

With the boiler project well under way, Newmill Renewables is investigating getting solar panels installed at the Newmill Hall.

We have had a survey of the hall done to see what is suitable and got quotes from solar panel installers. Newmill Renewables has some funds set aside for this but we will have to secure funding from other sources as well. A recent application to the Drummur windfarm fund was unsuccessful and we are currently looking at alternatives.

Once we have raised enough money then we will seek planning permission and landlords consent from The Moray Council.



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