



CLIENT CASE STUDY: Ulverston Sports and Recreation Association

How this sports club scored ideas and funding from an Energy Advice Visit



Ulverston Sports and Recreation Association is a not-for-profit organisation based at Priory Road in Ulverston. The club was built in 1979 and houses the town's sports clubs: Ulverston Rangers Football Club, Ulverston Cricket Club, and Ulverston Rugby League Club, as well as providing meeting and recreation spaces for the local community.

Owain Oxenham, Junior Co-ordinator at Ulverston Cricket Club, contacted us for advice to help with their project to renovate the changing rooms at the club. They had drawn up plans and had estimates for the costs, but Owain wanted more information on integrating sustainability. We paired up Owain with our assessor John Millen, from Verday Ltd, who carried out a thorough site visit of the whole building to evaluate the potential carbon and energy savings and make recommendations for changes that could be made.

Following the visit, and a detailed report generated by John, Ulverston Sports and Recreation Association have developed a two-phase plan to tackle the recommendations. Phase one will tie-in with their current plans to renovate the changing room facilities and will include the installation of LED lighting, new energy efficient doors and windows, and draughtproofing for existing doors and windows.

The report also gave them the information they needed to enable them to apply for a grant towards cavity wall and loft insulation, which they were successful in securing.

Phase two of their plan will focus on the high energy costs in the main building. The report made suggestions for significant improvements, including an array of solar panels and assessment of the best type of low carbon heating; in this case a ground source heat pump was recommended. The report gave them impartial advice and allowed them to plan the second phase of works and look for further funding opportunities.

SERVICES ACCESSED:

- Email and telephone advice from Zoe Hebblethwaite, Project Manager for the Green Enterprise Hub.
- An Energy Advice Visit with our contractor John Millen from Verday Ltd to recommend approaches to the club and its energy usage.

"The energy audit was an extremely easy process, taking up only a few hours. It drew our attention to an array of issues which were having a significant impact on our energy bills. It highlighted options to improve."

Owain Oxenham

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