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## WALL HEAT AND ENERGY NEWS

### Key Points

In no particular order here are the key points from the talk

- Whilst there is growing interest and impetus behind alternative energy solutions, some patience with ongoing developments is required.
- There is no need to get rid of functioning oil boilers.
- Gaining an understanding of heating and hot water alternatives and a preferred plan for when your oil boiler does need replacing, would be time well spent.
- Whichever alternative heating/HW plan you might choose, all pumps and boilers need electricity, so this might be a good place to start your thinking.
- 'Solar Panels' don't have to be on south facing roofs, there are panels which are less fussy about direction.
- Panels can be installed under permitted development, but care must be taken if your property is in the CA. See [map of Wall Conservation Area](#) and [planning advice](#) If you are unsure, contact NCC Planning Dept. Listed properties will require permission.
- Try to learn from others and to harness the buying power of the community.
- Community Projects are possible - Humshaugh have a [Community Interest Company](#) and are planning a solar farm installation.
- Haydon Bridge is growing a Community Biomass District Heating System.
- [Government Energy Efficiency Calculator](#)



### Matt Baker & Nick Morphet

Matt Baker is the service Director for Climate Change at Northumberland County Council and Nick Morphet is our Green Party County Councillor, for the Humshaugh Ward.

An open talk was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd November, which attracted a small, but engaged and interested audience.

Matt lives locally and has a strong understanding of the difficulties faced by those living in listed and old buildings within a conservation area, when considering efficient and sustainable energy use.

Full of information, advice and pragmatism, Matt & Nick led a lively discussion, answered a wide range of questions and gave information about future energy sources.

A summary of the discussion is in the side panel, including live links to further information.

### RESOURCES

[Community Action Northumberland](#) has a small team of [energy advisers](#) who can undertake energy audits of your home or give impartial advice about solar installation.

### INFRARED CAMERA FOR HEAT LOSS SURVEY

A camera will be available in Wall for our own surveys, from 14th December. Please email Parish Clerk if you would like to book it.

To stay informed, check the parish Council website - address below - where you can also find a digital copy of this newsletter with live links