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### Melin Homes and the Energy Saving Trust to work in partnership



Melin Homes is reviewing its current energy and carbon management in partnership with Energy Saving Trust.

For the next two years, Melin is to receive one-to-one support through an innovative programme that the Energy Saving Trust is piloting.

Melin is the first housing association in the UK to receive this type of support from the Energy Saving Trust.

The Energy Saving Trust's one-to-one support programme aims to help Melin reduce carbon emissions in its area and demonstrate local leadership in addressing climate change. The programme works on a seven stage process to develop, implement and review a climate change action plan. The aim of the programme is to help Melin:

- Tackle climate change and reduce carbon emissions.
- Review existing activities and benchmark performance.
- Have access to an expert consultant who will help motivate individuals and build commitment throughout the organisation.
- Demonstrate leadership to the local community.

Mark Gardner, Melin's Chief Executive, said: "At Melin, we are proud to be working with the Energy Saving Trust to improve our energy efficiency. As an organisation, we are committed to embracing new opportunities to improve our sustainability. We hope this partnership demonstrates Melin's commitment to making a positive impact on local and national energy and climate change targets."

Mark Tebboth, South East Wales' local support officer for Energy Saving Trust, said: "It's great to see Melin taking such positive steps to improve its energy efficiency and sustainability. Our one-to-one support will help Melin improve its energy efficiency as both a business and housing provider, and also help the housing association promote energy awareness among its residents. We hope that other housing associations follow Melin's example and take measures to improve their sustainability too."

A number of Melin's homes already have energy-saving features. These include solar hot water systems, rain-water harvesting, and one estate in Crickhowell has a ground source heat pump that makes use of the renewable energy stored in the ground, providing tenants with one of the most energy-efficient ways to heat their homes.

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**Photo caption: Melin's Chief Executive Mark Gardner and Director of Development Peter Davies at Gerddi'r Mynydd, Crickhowell – Melin's first estate to use renewable energy stored in the ground to heat residents' homes.**

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