

## BISHOP'S CASTLE HEAT & WIND PROJECT GETS SOME WIND IN IT'S SAILS

The Bishop's Castle Wind Turbine-powered Community Heat project has been awarded a substantial grant to carry out further studies. The work will include Ecology and Technical studies, and obtaining 'expressions of interest' from the Town's householders, organisations and businesses - including the Community College and SpArC, who wish to be connected to the Heat Network.

The project will be managed by Dave Green of *Shareenergy* who said "this is a fantastic step forward for this exciting ground-breaking project which has gathered substantial local support". He added that "the £100,000 grant has been awarded to *Shropshire and Telford Community Energy* in partnership with *Light Foot Enterprises*, the environmental charity based in Bishop's Castle. The money comes from the Government's *Community Energy Fund*, run locally by the *Midlands Net Zero Hub*."

The project recently featured on Channel 4's 'The Great Climate Fight'. Since that programme aired Shropshire Council has given the go ahead for a planning application to be made for the Wind Turbine. It is hoped that this planning application can be submitted later this year on completion of the studies.

Mike Watkins, Light Foot's local co-ordinator, added, "there's a mountain of detailed work to be done on this complex project which requires the involvement of a wide range of experts. The work is planned to be completed by the end of this year, and our first step will then be to present it to the Bishop's Castle community before we submit a planning application for the Wind Turbine".

For more details go to [BC Heat Network - Lightfoot Enterprise](#). and [STCEnergy.org.uk](http://STCEnergy.org.uk)  
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