



# ANNUAL REPORT

FOR 2020



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## AN INTRODUCTION FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This year has been one of monumental change for many and has been incredibly testing for community energy organisations. We are so proud of how quickly our members responded to the needs of their communities following the outbreak of Covid-19; just a few examples of their hard work can be found [here](#). We are thankful to our members for their ongoing support and proud to report that our membership rose by 15% over 2020; we now represent over 270 community energy organisations and supporters. This really highlights how now, more than ever, a unified voice for the sector is so important.

Covid-19 has changed so much, and has led me to reflect on the most important aspects of my role as Chief Executive. Keeping the team safe, adapting to maintain our impact while working from home, and prioritising the activities that our members highlighted as vital to them were the forefront of my work in 2020. I have also been reflecting on our organisation and its place within the wider social justice and Black Lives

Matter movements. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and many more innocent people both in America and here in the UK have been a long-overdue catalyst. We are developing as an organisation and working on how we can spearhead and represent an open, inclusive and intersectional movement which benefits from and responds to as many experiences and viewpoints as possible.

Undoubtedly severe global and local challenges remain, and so as we look forward to 2021 we have revised our vision, mission and strategy to ensure the greatest impact with our small, hardworking team. With COP26 now scheduled to take place in November 2021 and “green” recovery policies building momentum, we are here to help community energy organisations seize the opportunities this vital year will bring by ensuring the sector is at the heart of a meaningful #BuildBackBetter movement and continuing our work on intersectional environmentalism within the community energy sector.

We began 2021 with a strong community, a team that is ready to deliver for our members and a reputation that will help us push the importance of community energy across a range of channels and to a wide variety of stakeholders. As we move forward post Covid-19 into a new landscape, we will continue to support our members and work for the benefit of the community energy sector.

*Emma Bridge.*

**EMMA BRIDGE**

Chief Executive



## WHO WE ARE

Community Energy England is a not for profit membership organisation, set up by the sector, for the sector. We represent and support a growing network of 270+ community energy organisations and other bodies committed to the community energy movement, working throughout England to help create the conditions in which community energy can flourish. Our members produce renewable energy, offer energy efficiency services and advice, operate distribution networks, lead behaviour change, engage in energy sharing, operate electric car-sharing, provide a variety of services to the sector, or support the development of the sector more generally.

Community Energy England collaborates with community energy networks in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well as regional bodies, civil society and other stakeholders, to develop a coherent and co-ordinated voice to influence UK energy policy. Community Energy England is the operating name of Community Energy Association (England) Ltd. Community Energy England is registered as a private company limited by guarantee without share capital, which operates on a solely not for profit basis. Our articles and bye-laws can be accessed on our website. Community Energy England is governed by a Board elected at its annual AGM and is managed by the Chief Executive and her team. The team comprises the Policy & Advocacy Manager, Operations & Projects Manager, Communications & Partnerships Officer and Membership & Executive Support Officer. Our Projects Officer moved on to an exciting new opportunity in August 2020.

In 2020, the Community Energy England board consisted of:

- Dr Afsheen Rashid MBE (Chairperson)
- Mark Billsborough
- Peter Capener MBE (Deputy Chairperson)
- Martin Crane (appointed 2020)
- Rachel Hayes BEM
- Mark Kenber
- Mark Luntley (Treasurer)
- Ollie Pendered
- Helen Seagrave
- Dr Deborah Trebilco
- Emma Bridge acted as Company Secretary.



## WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO IN 2020

Listening to our members and the broader sector is at the heart of Community Energy England. On the basis of discussions we held within the sector and our analysis of the broader policy landscape, economic outlook and energy system context, we revised our strategy for 2021 and beyond. Further details of our strategic direction can be found in *Looking Forward to 2021* on page 22.

This report, however, focuses on our activities and impact in 2020, which were supported by the vision, mission and strategy detailed below:

**OUR VISION**  
PUTTING PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF  
THE ENERGY SYSTEM

**OUR MISSION**  
TO SUPPORT AND ACCELERATE THE  
TRANSITION TO A FAIR, LOW  
CARBON AND COMMUNITY-LED  
ENERGY SYSTEM

**OUR STRATEGY**  
TO BE AN EFFECTIVE  
REPRESENTATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP  
BODY FOR THE COMMUNITY  
ENERGY SECTOR

TO BE A LEADING SOURCE OF  
INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE  
SUPPORTING NEW AND EXISTING  
COMMUNITY ENERGY  
ORGANISATIONS

TO BE A HUB CONNECTING  
COMMUNITY ENERGY  
ORGANISATIONS AND  
COLLABORATING WITH  
STAKEHOLDERS AND ENABLING  
COLLABORATION WITH OTHER  
SECTORS

TO BE THE AUTHORITATIVE VOICE  
FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY  
ORGANISATIONS IN ENGLAND,  
WORKING TOWARDS A MORE  
SUPPORTIVE POLICY, REGULATION  
AND FUNDING ENVIRONMENT

## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

### WE RELEASED OUR STATE OF THE SECTOR REPORT 2020

WE GREW OUR MEMBERSHIP,  
COMMUNITY ENERGY ENGLAND  
NOW REPRESENTS OVER 270  
MEMBERS

WE DEVELOPED A NEW HOW TO  
SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE FOR  
THE BENEFIT OF NEW AND  
EXISTING COMMUNITY ENERGY  
ORGANISATIONS

WE SECURED 11 MP SIGNATURES  
FOR OUR OPEN LETTER TO THE  
PRIME MINISTER ABOUT  
COMMUNITY ENERGY

WE HELD THE COMMUNITY  
ENERGY CONFERENCE ONLINE, IN  
TWO PARTS ACROSS  
COMMUNITY ENERGY  
FORTNIGHT 2020

### WE DEVELOPED OUR COMMUNITY ENERGY 2030 VISION

WE HELD 11 EVENTS FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF OUR MEMBERS AND  
STAKEHOLDERS IN THE SECTOR

WE RESPONDED TO 17  
POLICY CONSULTATIONS

WE LAUNCHED OUR  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL

WE HELD COMMUNITY  
ENERGY FORTNIGHT  
ONLINE, WITH 22 WEB  
EVENTS

### WE LOBBIED SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE EXTENSIONS TO THE FEED-IN-TARIFF FOR COMMUNITY ENERGY ORGANISATIONS TWICE

WE DEVELOPED OUR VISION, MISSION AND  
STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2021 AND BEYOND

## OUR IMPACT

We are proud to represent more than 270 members who come from a wide background and from across England. All of our members are active community energy organisations or other bodies committed to supporting community energy. We are the only organisation in England focussed solely on representing and supporting the activities and growth of the community energy sector. This work is underpinned by our uniquely extensive network and connections within the sector and amongst relevant government and other stakeholders.

In 2020 we quickly adapted a landscape that has dramatically changed for most due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We continued to use our growing profile to influence policy makers and disseminate the benefits of community energy. We focused on maintaining networks of community energy practitioners and stakeholders, offering a wider range and number of events and creating a new bank of resources to assist the sector. We worked closely with partners as well as our members to ensure that the sector remained connected and could share innovations and expertise, and get through the challenges of 2020 as successfully as possible.

Our activities were focussed around three operational areas in 2020. We have set out the report of our activities into three sections to explain our impact in each area.



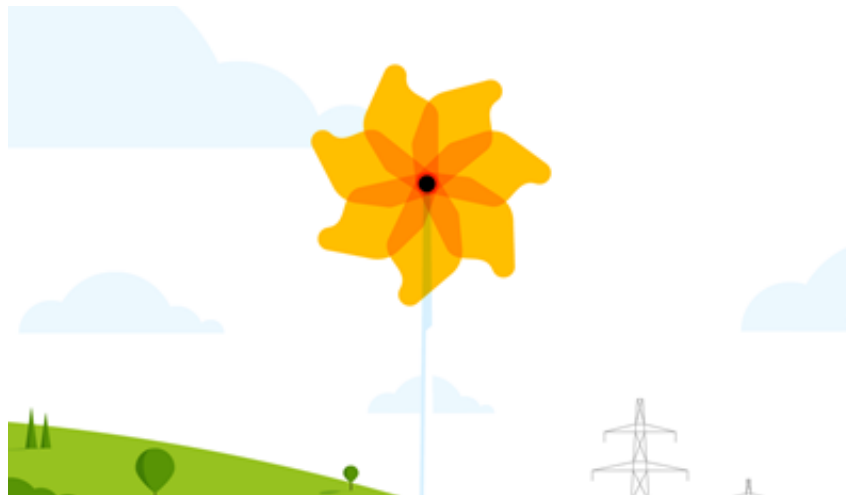
**Gather data & inform**



**Connect & collaborate**



**Advocate & influence**



# GATHER DATA AND INFORM

## How To Pages

In 2020 we developed a new *How To* section for our website. The *How To* pages provide information, advice and resources on a wide range of topics around community energy. These pages are helpful to new entrants in the sector as well as experienced practitioners, covering governance, new technologies, business models and other topics. This is a work in progress area, and we will continue working with members to ensure that these pages are fit for purpose and regularly refreshed.

### Our How To section for all things community energy

Welcome >

Understanding community energy –

Understanding community energy >

Definition, benefits and potential of community energy >

Distribution Network Operators >

Regions of England >

Other UK regions and overseas >

Getting started with community energy +

Operating a community energy organisation +

Technologies, innovation & new business models +

Community Energy Fortnight >

#### Understanding community energy

This section of How To explains:

- What community energy is and what its potential and benefits are
- The system of distribution network operators (DNOs)
- Regional community energy hubs run by practitioners and Local Energy Hubs overseen by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
- Ideas and inspiration from community energy organisations in other countries



Schools' Energy Co-op's community solar at Glenleigh Park Primary Academy

### Our How To section for all things community energy

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Operating a community energy organisation –

Operating a community energy organisation >

Business & governance >

Community engagement & volunteers >

Wellbeing, diversity & working from home >

Technologies, innovation & new business models +

Community Energy Fortnight >

#### Operating a community energy organisation

Once a community energy group has been formed (see [starting up a group/organisation, inc. structure & registration](#)) it is important to get additional people involved and potentially seek partnerships with local authorities and local business. The support from these groups can be vital to a project's success.

Behaviour change is an important part of getting people involved. Understanding individual and group motivations and drivers is essential for developing strategies to encourage participation. Useful information on the [EVALOC project](#) has been made available which includes content on behaviour change activity through community projects. This was a collaboration between researchers from the Low Carbon Building Group at Oxford Brookes University and the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford. Several toolkits are available to help groups wanting to try the peer support group approach to sustainable behaviour change:

- Manorhouse PACT works with EcoActive to support groups in London through its [Closer Neighbours](#) initiative.
- The South West Diocese of the Church of England has produced [Carbon Fast 40 day challenge](#) resources to support churches wanting to engage their congregations on climate change action.
- Transition Town Totnes has developed a [Transition Streets](#) approach to peer group support on behaviour change

Welcome >

Understanding community energy +

Getting started with community energy +

Operating a community energy organisation +

Technologies, innovation & new business models –

Technologies, innovation & new business models >

Overview of renewable energy technologies >

Energy efficiency >

Next Generation case studies, learning and reviews >

Heat >

Data & digital >

Flexibility & network services >

Case studies >

Peer to peer local energy trading >

#### Technologies, innovation & new business models

Since the end of the Feed-in Tariff, there has been much deliberation around new business models. There is no one size fits all approach as all technologies and local markets are location-dependent. In this section, we give an overview of some technologies and signpost to learning being put forwards by organisations developing and testing new ways of conducting business.

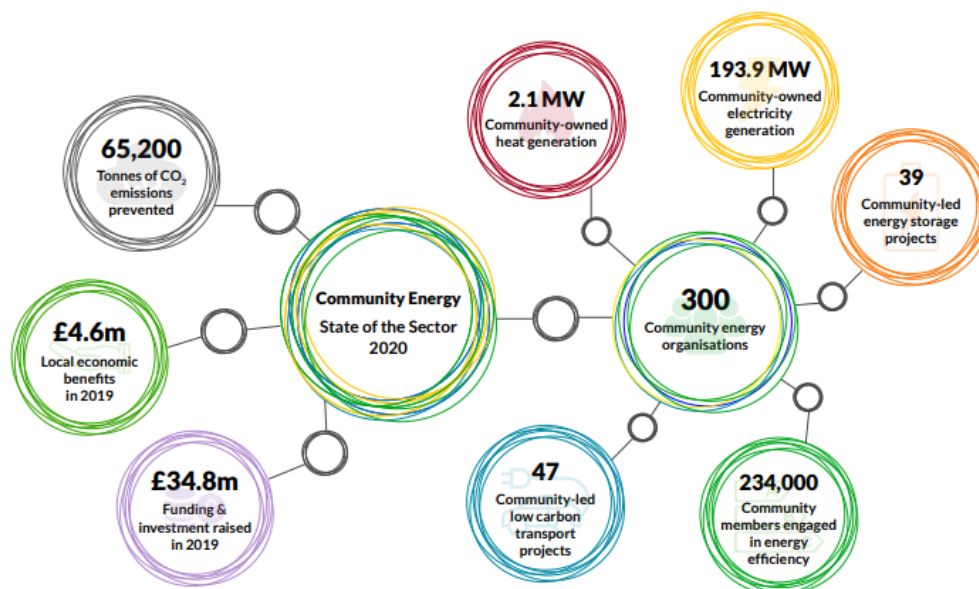


Heat pump inspection by the next generation of community energy innovators

We are grateful to Friends Provident Foundation and Westmill Solar Co-operative for generous funding to help with creation of the *How To* pages and resources.

## State of the Sector Report

With our project partners Community Energy Wales and Scene, we launched our annual flagship report, the State of the Sector Survey (SOTS). This annual report is based on the most comprehensive data set on community energy in England and Wales, and we are thankful to all of the organisations that took part in the survey. Although released in 2020, it is important to note that the SOTS evaluated data sourced in 2019, so the challenges we have faced in 2020 were not included in the report.



### Key findings from the SOTS 2020 report were:

- 2019 was a year of activism: The UK parliament, Welsh Government, Northern Ireland Assembly, Scottish Government and many local authorities declared climate emergencies
- 2019 was a challenging year for the community energy sector: The sector was negatively impacted by reductions in subsidy support and unclear government strategy
- Community energy is playing an ever-increasing role in technological and social innovation: The sector is developing new business models and exploring innovative new approaches to deliver a low carbon future
- Community energy across the UK needs clear guidance and support: The sector must be supported to access new emerging opportunities, ensuring the long-term growth and impact of the sector.

We are grateful for the financial support of SP Energy Networks, who sponsored the report.



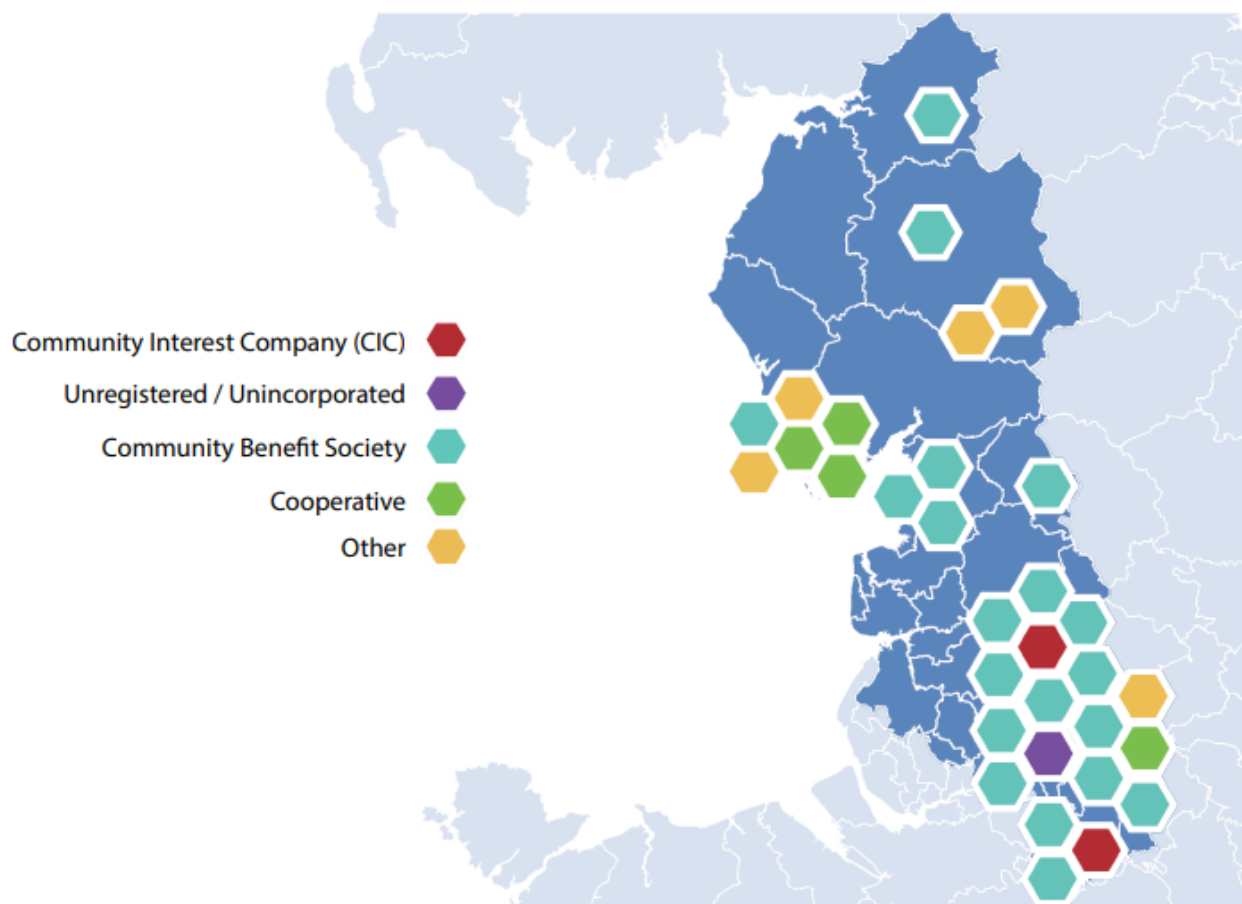
In 2020 we worked with two of our members, Electricity North West and Northern Powergrid on regional surveys to explore challenges and opportunities for community energy in these areas. Both reports were produced by Scene.

### Community Energy in the North West - Sector Survey 2019

The aim of this project was to learn more about the impact of community energy in Electricity North West's area, and the motivations and challenges of community energy organisations.

#### Key findings from the report were:

- 32 community energy organisations were identified across the region, supported by 37 full time staff
- £412,500 in funding and investment for community energy projects had been raised and distributed locally
- Community energy organisations delivered £65,000 of cost-savings for homeowners and businesses in the region
- Electricity North West provided £75,320 to local projects, which supported local energy champions, worked to reduce fuel poverty and aided in the development of innovative new approaches to community-led low carbon energy.



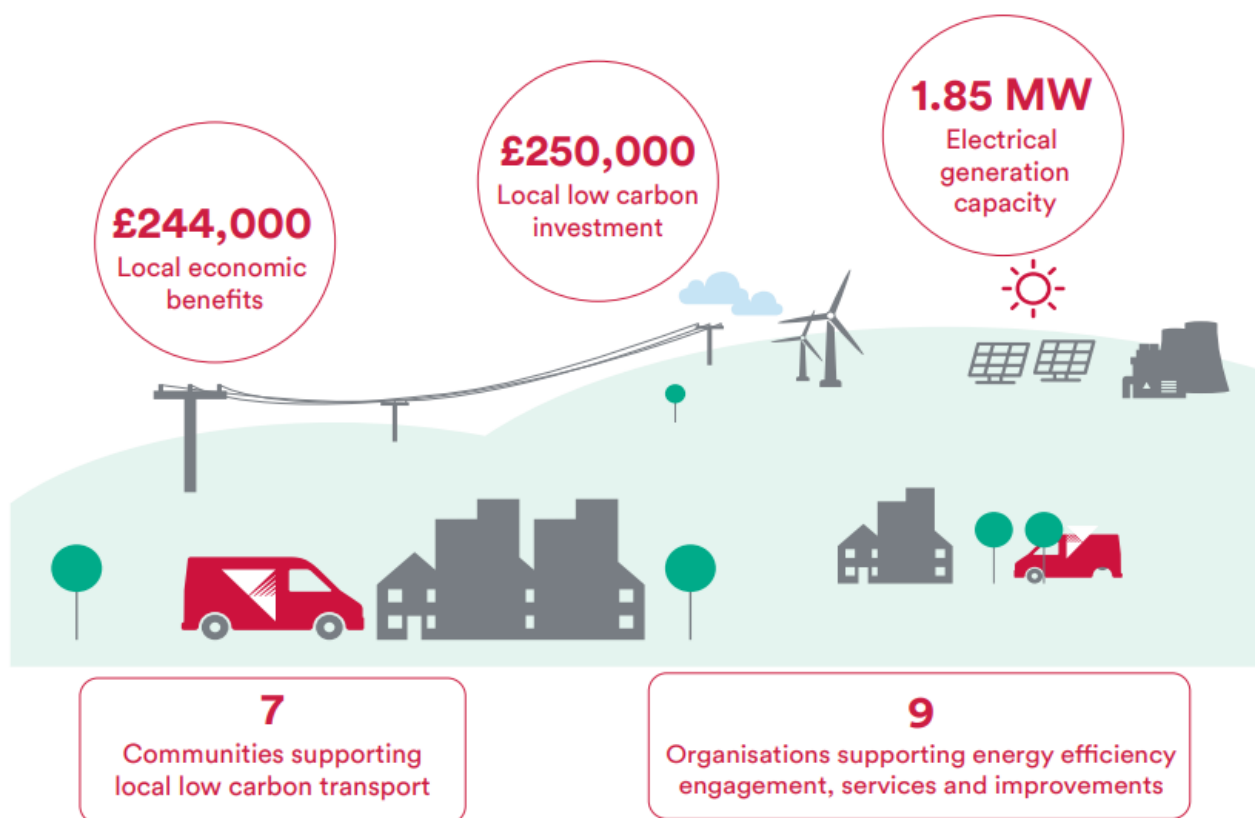
Community energy organisations in the North West



## Community Energy in the North East, Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire

### Key findings from the report were:

- 20 organisations in the North East, Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire focused on delivering energy generation, storage, low carbon transport and energy efficiency projects
- Community energy organisations in the region were reported to have owned 1.85MW electricity generation, which is the equivalent of powering 593 UK homes
- Community energy organisations delivered energy efficiency services to 2,500 homes and businesses locally, valued at £400,000
- Community energy organisations in the area achieved diverse social and environmental impacts, including low carbon education and supporting local services. They provided over £88,000 in local grants, worked to reduce fuel poverty and energy costs for local people.



Community energy activity in the North East, Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire

## ADVOCATE AND INFLUENCE

Despite disappointment in the delay of COP26, the challenges of the lockdowns and home working, in 2020 we focused our efforts to advocate for the community energy sector, building new and developing existing connections and lines of influence at local and national levels of government, with regulators and other key stakeholders, such as distribution network operators.

### Some of our key achievements included:

01

We lobbied successfully for extensions to the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) for community energy projects – twice. The extension of the FiT has clear benefits for the community energy sector and has enabled many projects which would have otherwise been undeliverable. This was a fantastic result for the sector and we are grateful to our members and the wider network that helped us achieve this win.

02

We met with Kwasi Kwarteng, Minister of State for energy at the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), now Secretary of State. Our meeting was positive, and we were encouraged by the enthusiasm of both Mr Kwarteng and Anneliese Dodds, now Shadow Chancellor, who requested the meeting on our behalf. He is “keen that we continue to build on our good relationship” and we have kept up regular correspondence since. He originally said no to the FiT extension risk but changed his mind when lobbied over the impacts threatened by Covid-19.

03

We had a series of meetings with director level civil servants at the BEIS, including the heads of the Energy White Paper team, Energy Strategy, Contracts for Difference Strategy, Public Engagement in Net Zero, in our campaign for community energy to be seen as a vital element in the green recovery process and supported commensurately. We presented on community energy to 50 BEIS officials.

04

While this was possible we attended a number of in person events, including being co-host of the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group (Praseg) Winter Gathering where we had a stall staffed by 4 community energy practitioners and networked with numerous politicians including the minister. We also attended the Sustainable Energy Association awards at parliament, the launch of the Net Zero All Party Parliamentary Group, the Ofgem annual conference.

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Throughout the year we strengthened relationships with key sector partners through attending and facilitating several regional meetings.

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We chaired and presented at numerous events including Future Build, Solar & Storage Live and the Bristol Energy Network annual conference.

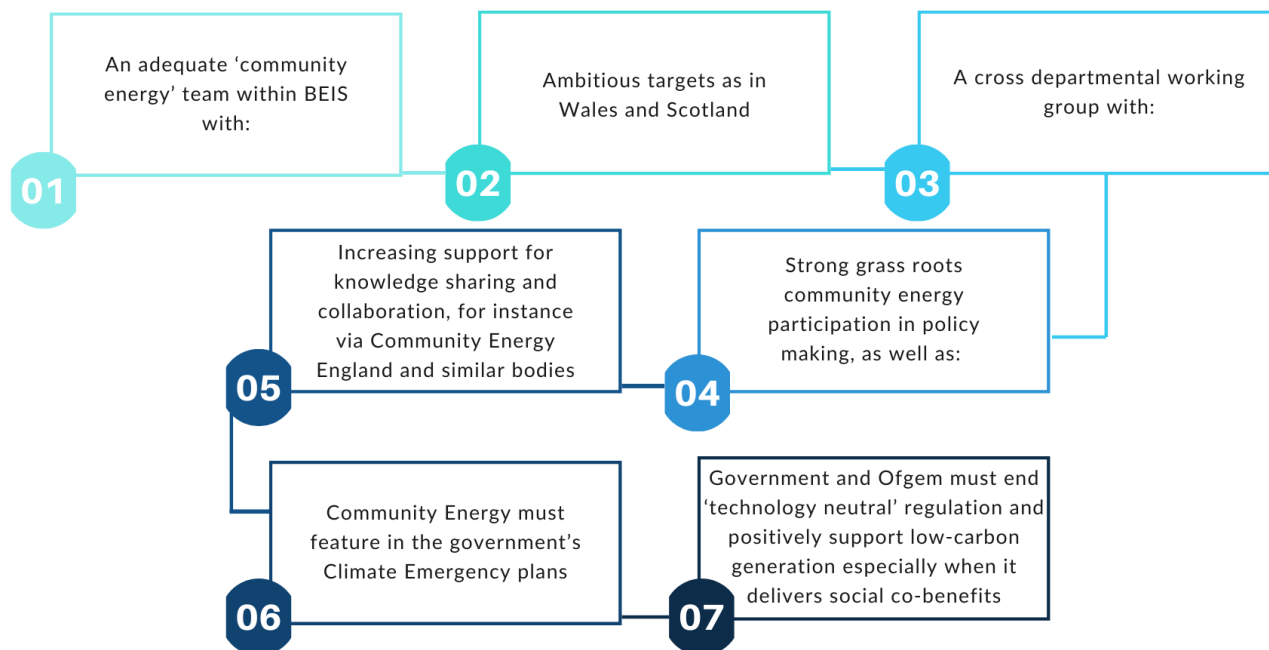
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We made 10 submissions to government consultations and more to select committees and the Labour Party totalling 17 in all. We led on a joint NGO letter to the Chancellor on Social Investment Tax Relief.



There are many other activities within our advocacy and influence work, such as meetings, working groups, talks and advisory boards. You can also find a full list of all available responses we have written on our [Policy page](#).

Our 'asks' for support for community energy in 2020 were summarised in our Parliamentary Briefing, which is continually updated as situations and thinking change and is available [here](#):



Ultimately the year ended disappointingly with people, communities and community energy largely omitted from policy announcements, which tended to focus on big-cheque, centralised interventions that fail to engage the wider public to actively participate in the energy transition - despite repeated warnings from the Climate Change Committee that they will fail to achieve net zero if they don't engage the people and focus instead on supply-side solutions. Our responses to the Ten Point Plan, the National Infrastructure Plan, the Comprehensive Spending Review and the Energy White Paper are [here](#). We will come back in 2021 with upbeat positive and persuasive arguments about why the government should support and enable community energy.

The COP26 President Alok Sharma has said, "reaching Net Zero will only be achieved by a joint effort. And for this civil society is vital", and placed great emphasis on civil society engagement in the lead-up to and at the COP26. These words are, however, seriously undermined by his government's complete failure to support people and communities (and community energy) to get active. The Climate Change Committee is clear that without engaging the people, the government will fail to achieve net zero. COP26 will be an overriding preoccupation of government in 2021 and so we will use this lever, as well as improving our evidence of multiple social benefits that community energy delivers, meeting many high priority policy aims such as levelling up, jobs in the green recovery and more.

## Community Energy 2030 Vision

In 2020, we launched the Community Energy Vision 2030 (Vision). It is a vibrant, accessible document that showcases the ambitions of the community energy sector. The Vision is a fantastic resource that was developed to articulate what community energy is, what it means to be involved in the movement, the potential of the sector to grow with adequate support, and why community energy is a vital element in the transition towards net zero.



The Vision was developed because it became obvious that the sector has reached a crucial time, as it makes the transition to a new era, comes together to move out of the Covid-19 crisis and into a future energy system in which justice and people need championing more than ever. The Vision was formed with input from a wide range of sector practitioners, who we are grateful to for their input. We conducted three stages of consultation, with an event held at our summer 2019 conference, a roundtable of key practitioners and an online consultation. Since its launch, the Vision and accompanying graphics have been downloaded hundreds of times and used in documents, presentations and newsletters by a range of our members and other organisations active in community energy.

We are grateful to our funders Friends Provident Foundation and Power to Change for additional financial support to help create the Vision.



## CONNECT AND COLLABORATE

The Covid-19 pandemic certainly changed many of our plans for 2020, notably that the Community Energy Awards were deferred until 2021; we have plans for a double celebration when it is safe, to celebrate the sectors achievements and resilience. The Community Energy Awards are a much-anticipated event in the community energy calendar, and we look forward to celebrating the sector again soon. In the meantime, lockdown gave us the opportunity to be more creative. As well as holding all of our events online, we launched a YouTube channel, which has become a great resource for us to share our events.

### Community Energy Workshop

In January 2020, we held what would be our only in-person event of the year. The event was hosted in partnership with Durham Energy Institute, Durham County Council and North East LEP and explored ways in which the North East can decarbonise heat. Delegates heard from our Chief Executive Emma Bridge; Anda Baumerte, Sustainability Manager at Northern Powergrid; and several other experts in the field. Community Energy England is committed to working with regions to develop opportunities for community energy projects and we are grateful to all the attendees who contributed to the day.

### Traversing Turbulent Times

In April, in partnership with Community Energy South, we hosted our first online event of the year, 'Community Energy: Traversing Turbulent Times'. The ambitious online event covered a wide range of topics including innovation/new markets, organisational wellbeing, heat, EVs/transport, social impact and fuel poverty. With 255 attendees, the event's success highlighted the huge potential of bringing community energy practitioners and others involved in the sector together from all over the country (and beyond) to connect online and learn from each other. We are grateful to Co-op Community Energy for supporting Community Energy England and the sector by generously sponsoring the event.



## Community Energy Fortnight, 13 - 28 June 2020

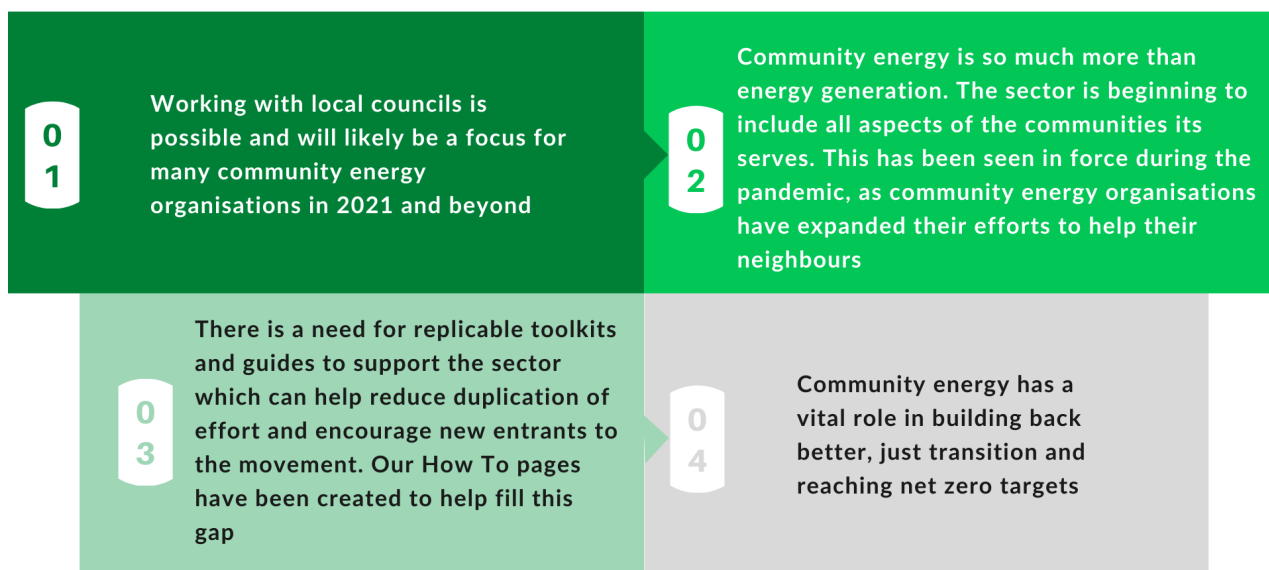
Our annual campaign, Community Energy Fortnight, was held online in 2020 and served as a platform to bring the community energy sector together and highlight its activities. The theme for the year was #HarnessOurPower, with a focus on online events and social media, to facilitate a safe way for the sector to connect, celebrate achievements and look to the future. This re-focus, caused by Covid-19 and lockdown measures, provided the community energy sector with a beacon of hope for what a post-Covid-19 future could look like.

The annual Community Energy Fortnight gives practitioners the opportunity to link with each other, and those outside of the sector who may have an interest in wider issues such as a just transition, energy fairness and the transition to net zero, a starting point to learn more about community energy.



2020 saw the highest online engagement with Community Energy Fortnight in its history. For the first year we offered community energy organisations the opportunity to speak through our social media and reach a wide audience through our channels. News of the Fortnight reached 61,100 people via Twitter alone. The online focus meant that more people than ever were able to engage with the Fortnight and feel connected to the sector, regardless of geography.

## Key insights from CEF2020 were:



You can catch up on the events through our [YouTube](#) channel.

We are grateful to Thrive Renewables for sponsoring Community Energy Fortnight 2020.



## Community Energy Conference 2020

Community Energy Fortnight 2020 was opened and closed by our annual conference, which this year was split into two to accommodate the fantastic amount of content we were able to cover by going online.

The Community Energy Conference Part One saw the launch of our State of the Sector Report and the new Community Energy 2030 Vision. These were key publications for CEE in 2020 and contain vital information about community energy that will be of use for future activities. Both publications received very positive responses and the launches were reported in multiple media outlets including Solar Power Portal, Co-operative News, Environment Journal and Energy Live News.

The Community Energy Conference Part Two concluded Community Energy Fortnight 2020 and focused on the social and human aspects of the community energy movement. In a year of physical separation, this proved to be an inspiring conversation. Social justice is core to the community energy movement and emerged as a main theme of the session. As a sector aiming for a truly just transition to net zero, community energy will work to challenge both current injustices such as fuel poverty, as well as emerging injustices such as those around the distribution of low carbon technologies.



The conferences were powerful spaces, with over 230 attendees over the two parts, learning about and discussing current activity in the sector, new opportunities for community energy and ambitious plans for the future.

**Key insights from the conference included:**

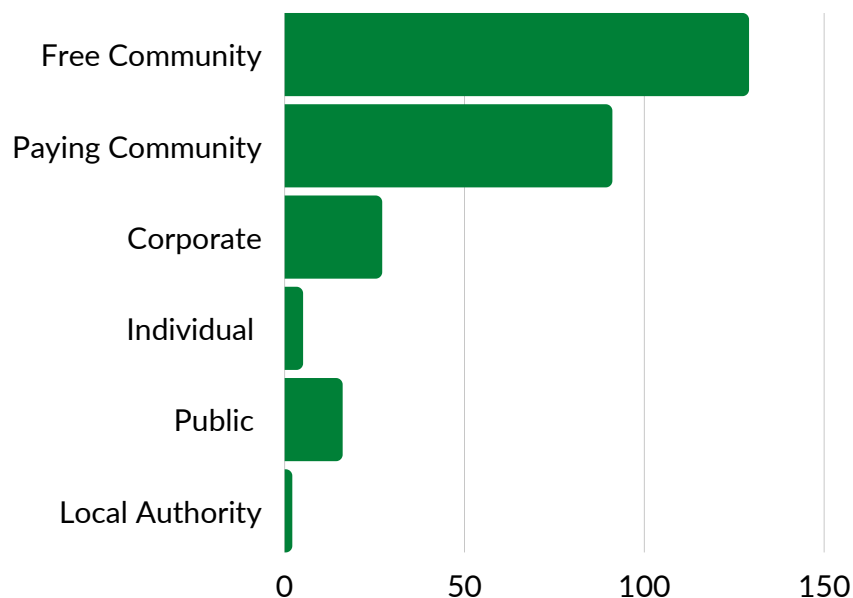


We were pleased to welcome so many community energy practitioners and supporters to these events, with online events increasing both capacity and inclusivity. We would like to add a special thank you to our conference sponsor, Co-op Community Energy, along with supporting sponsors Electricity North West and Northern Powergrid. Many thanks also to the individuals who kindly made financial contributions and to everyone who gave up their time to speak and participate.



## Membership

Through a difficult year it has become clear that strength through one unified voice is more important than ever to the community energy sector, as our membership has grown even through turbulent times and economic upheaval. In 2020, our membership grew from 243 to 269, roughly 11%. Our membership is broken down into the subcategories of community, corporate, local authority, individual and public.



We welcome membership from any organisation that supports and promotes the development of community energy in England, either directly or indirectly. Membership with us shows commitment to the community energy sector and, as can be seen from the map below, the network spreads across the length and breadth of the country.

Community Energy England is an inclusive body and represents organisations at all stages of development. Membership fees are a vital element of our work and we are grateful to the members who recognise our value as a membership body and support us financially through membership fees. Fees provide us with valuable income that we need to support the sector and help it grow. We are a not for profit organisation, with all income used to fund our activities working on behalf of the community energy sector.

We also recognise that membership of Community Energy England is vital for many organisations who cannot yet afford to pay fees, so we are proud to support community organisations with under £20,000 annual turnover by offering them initial free membership or a small voluntary fee.



## Community Energy England AGM

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held online on 29 June 2020, with 52 members in attendance. Our AGM is a key point in our governance calendar and is driven by our commitment to operating transparently. It is open for anyone to attend – all members are welcome to nominate themselves for a seat on the board and both raise and vote on motions. In 2020 we welcomed Martin Crane to the board and no existing board members retired.

## Community Member Practitioner Forum

Whilst national and local level lockdowns made traditional networking all but impossible, the Community Member Practitioner Forum grew in strength over 2020. Hosted on the Loomio platform, the forum provides community members of Community Energy England with an online space to engage in dialogue, network and exchange ideas.

Please [email us](#) if you are a community energy member who would like to join the practitioner forum.

## Partnerships & Collaboration

We work in partnership with other membership bodies, public organisations and charities to ensure that the social, environmental and economic benefits of community energy are disseminated as widely as possible and included in broader plans and narratives. We work with these bodies to ensure that efforts are not duplicated and that resources which benefit the community energy sector are accessible and available to all communities that may wish to engage in renewable energy projects, energy saving activities or work that helps alleviate fuel poverty at a local level.





## THANK YOU

We are grateful to all of our members for their support, consideration and understanding throughout 2020, which was a challenge for many of us. Without you we would not exist, so thank you for engaging largely virtually with us throughout 2020. The year saw record-breaking membership numbers, event attendance, fantastic virtual networking through Community Energy Fortnight and our practitioner forum, and the highest number of members engaged in our Annual General Meeting.

We would especially like to thank our Principal Supporter members; their additional financial support and partnership has helped us achieve greater impact core to our mission of supporting and accelerating the transition to a fair, low carbon and community-led energy system. Our Principal Supporter members are:



Additional thanks go to our grant funders, who have provided us with essential income. We recognise their commitment to the growth of the community energy movement and we are grateful for their continued support.



## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

Like many, we are now looking forward, to what 2021 will bring. We are working to help our members and the broader community energy sector #BuildBackBetter, and make a just transition and a green revolution a reality.



Community Energy England is committed to working for the benefit of its members and the wider network, supporting and advocating on their behalf as they work to create a thriving sector integrated into and truly powering a fair, zero carbon energy system. We have revised our vision, mission and strategy to focus what we do and make sure our impact is as significant as possible. Further details about our strategic direction can be found [here](#) and we will continue to provide updates as this evolves through our regular newsletters and social media.

**Your thoughts and feedback are important to us. If you have any ideas on how we can increase our impact please do complete our [member feedback form](#), or contact us [here](#).**

## JOIN US

To fulfill its potential, the community energy sector needs a representative and advocate. Our position as the recognised representative body for community energy in England is founded on our status as a membership body. Members give us credibility and increases the strength of our voice when seeking to influence government, regulators and other policy makers in line with the interests and needs of the sector, and when our staff and directors sit on strategic and working groups.

You can help Community Energy England by becoming a member. Joining will help us pursue our vision of a thriving community energy sector integrated into and truly powering a fair, zero carbon energy system. Becoming part of the collective voice working for the benefit of the sector also improves our ability to build effective cross-sector partnerships and opens up new avenues for you to connect with and learn from other practitioners and stakeholders in the community energy sector. You can feed directly into our strategy and priorities through various means and alert us to issues that affect you, or other organisations within the sector, which may require our assistance to resolve.

**Community Energy England is committed to fairness and diversity and expects its members to hold the same values. Members of Community Energy England agree to create an inclusive atmosphere within the movement, to promote open dialogue and show sensitivity for individual and cultural difference whilst valuing and acknowledging unique skills and experience.**

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[Community\\_Energy\\_England](https://www.youtube.com/Community_Energy_England)

## COMMUNITY ENERGY ENGLAND BOARD AND EXECUTIVE TEAM

