



**Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales proudly present
2016 Community Energy Funding Award winner,
Naturesave Trust and Naturesave Insurance Ltd.**



The Naturesave Trust has, over the past 20 years, tirelessly supported the growing community renewable energy community through small start-up grants and shares, that have assisted these organisations in realising their objectives. From grants to assist with start-up costs including the production of share prospectuses and through advice from its insurance arm Naturesave Policies Ltd, they have funded in excess of £275,000 of funds which have directly and indirectly helped community renewable energy organisations achieve their aspirations.

Through the collaboration of the Company and the Trust, Naturesave has sought and succeeded in assisting those community renewable energy organisations in linking their needs to establish renewable energy systems that can help deal with climate change.

Naturesave Policies Ltd seeks to use the insurance industry as a vehicle for sustainable development through its donations to the Naturesave Trust for which they were awarded the Queens Award for Enterprise (Sustainable Development) in 2011 in recognition of their endeavours.



Community Energy Funding Award winner - Matthew Van Den Elst of Naturesave Trust and Insurance receiving award from Ollie Pendered

Naturesave said, “We were very flattered to be nominated for the Community Energy Funding award and were delighted to win it. The community energy sector has had a roller coaster of a year and those groups who are making it happen, have shown how powerful the community spirit is and we are delighted to be part of it”

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Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales teamed up to deliver the Community Energy Awards 2016 to honour the organisations and individuals that have done the most to advance the sector over the last year and to celebrate their achievements. The ceremony took place on 3rd September in Oxford following the [Powering Forward – rebooting the UKs community energy sector Community Energy Conference 2016](#).

About Community Energy England

Community Energy England (CEE) was established in May 2014 to provide a voice for the community energy sector primarily in England. Membership totals over 200 organisations. The majority of the member organisations are from the community energy sector but the membership extends across a wide range of organisations which works with and supports the community energy sector. Further details can be found on the CEE website at www.communityenergyengland.org

About Community Energy Wales

Community Energy Wales (CEW) wants to put sustainable energy schemes at the heart of communities in Wales. Communities can become stronger, more resilient, and self-reliant by generating their own energy, using it efficiently, and directing the net income to regenerate their communities. CEW help to bring about this change by inspiring, empowering, and influencing people, policies and practices across Wales. They bring together a network of practitioners who work with and within the communities of Wales to develop renewable energy generation and energy efficiency schemes. Further details can be found on the CEW website at www.communityenergywales.org.uk