

**Community  
energy puts  
people at the  
heart of the  
energy system.**

Energise  
South 

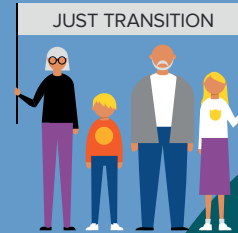


**Energise South** is a community benefit society created to develop solar energy projects in the South East.

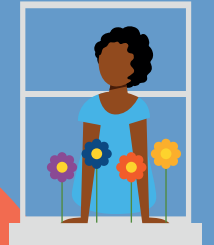
## Our Directors

- Julia Hilton (Chair), Green Party councillor for Hastings Borough Council and East Sussex County Council and landscape architect
- Richard Watson OBE, Energise Sussex Coast co-founder and CEO
- Kate Meakin, Director of Projects and Operations at Energise Sussex Coast
- Mike Smyth (Solicitor), Chair of Energy 4 All, founder of several energy co-operatives and former chair of Friends of the Earth
- Richard Oaten, RIBA Architect and sustainable design specialist
- Richard Fay, Facilities Manager at National Trust and former University of Brighton Academies Trust Estates Manager
- Annette Heslop MBE (Company Secretary), Finance Director at Energy4All and multiple individual energy co-operatives.

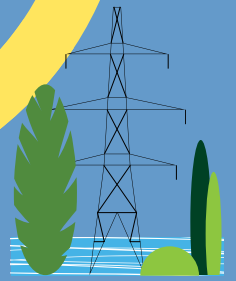
### COLLECTIVE EFFORT



### SOCIAL RETURNS



### ECONOMIC RETURNS



### ENVIRONMENTAL RETURNS

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# SECURE SUPPLY



## Our Sites

Since we launched Energise South in September 2019 we have installed solar PV systems on 8 sites in Hastings and St Leonards. They are 5 *University of Brighton Academies Trust* schools, *The Dudley Infant Academy*, *The Baird Academy*, *Churchwood Academy*, *The Hastings Academy* and *The St Leonard's Academy*, this last one being one of the biggest single solar arrays on any school in the country.

We also installed solar systems for a charity, *Hastings Furniture Service*, the church hall of *Christ Church Ore* and the *Innovation Centre* on Churchfields industrial estate.

This brings our **total installed capacity to 495kWp** in our first six months. We have ambitious plans to develop 1 MW of solar in the next year.

We estimate that by the end of the 25 year license these current sites will have generated 11.5 million Kilowatt Hours of electricity (11.5 Gigawatt Hours). That is equivalent to providing all the electricity used by 3824 homes for a year, or driving to the moon in a petrol car 42 times or making 287 million slices of toast!

## Our Cooperative Family

Energise South is a member of Energy4All and currently has **157 members**.

Energy4All is a family of 30 independent renewable-energy cooperatives which has raised over £80 million of equity and debt to create 30 Megawatts of electricity capacity. Energy4All supports us by providing high-quality project managers to deliver the solar installations and provides the long term financial and solar panel management.

## DEMOCRATIC CONTROL AND BENEFIT





LIVEABLE  
HOMES

**COMMUNITIES  
EMPOWERED TO LEAD**

**AFFORDABLE BILLS**

## Our Community Energy Offer – Free Solar Installations

- We assess the opportunity for solar installation and calculate your potential carbon and financial savings.
- We take care of all the surveys, grid connection applications, planning consent prior to the installation. You will have a dedicated point of contact.
- We take care of all the ongoing maintenance, monitoring and management of the solar panels.
- We prepare a simple license to allow us to use your land or roof for 25 years (after this period is over we gift you the panels and they will produce free electricity for many years to come).
- We develop and fund the installation through community shareholders.
- We pay for all the ongoing maintenance costs. There are zero installation or ongoing maintenance costs to the site.
- Surplus revenue goes into our Community Benefit fund, funding projects helping local people in fuel poverty and supporting the development of new renewable energy projects.
- You buy the power you need from us via a Power Purchase Agreement and will benefit from immediate savings on your electricity costs.

# Corporate Social Responsibility

- Be part of a just transition to a zero carbon energy system.
- Support projects which alleviate fuel and water poverty in deprived communities.
- Help build a more localised, democratic, resilient and sustainable energy system.



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**Energise South were professional and supportive in helping my organisation reach its carbon reduction targets.”**

— Richard Fay, former Estates Support Manager,  
University of Brighton Academies Trust



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