



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

# Beacon Council Scheme: Sustainable Energy

## Case Study: The Nottinghamshire Wood Heat Partnership

The County Council established the Nottinghamshire Wood Heat Partnership 4 years ago in conjunction with the Forestry Commission, the Countryside Agency, Government Office for the East Midlands and the East Midlands Development Agency. The wood heat programme is designed to achieve significant savings in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by the use of wood burning boilers rather than fossil fuels to heat buildings. At the same time it will generate a market for local forestry products and wood waste, with local social, economic and employment benefits.

ReNU has already secured DTI and New Opportunities Fund (Lottery) funding to subsidise the installation of 4MW of wood fired boilers to operate under Energy Service Contracts (ESCo), as well as substantial capital funding from the East Midlands Development Agency to fund the infrastructure essential to the development of wood heat.

Nottinghamshire County Council continues to be involved both as a customer and at a strategic level with the Regional Assembly as well as other Wood Heat Partners.

Following a successful conference, in April 2001 (hosted by the County Council), a not-for-profit company, Renewable Nottinghamshire Utilities (ReNU), was set up to source woodchips and supply these to facilities with wood burning boilers. The County Council has a 19% stake in ReNU and other Directors on the Board come from Wastecycle, the Nottingham Energy Partnership, Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, Sherwood Energy Village and FBS Woodland Solutions; a good combination of public and private sector interests.



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